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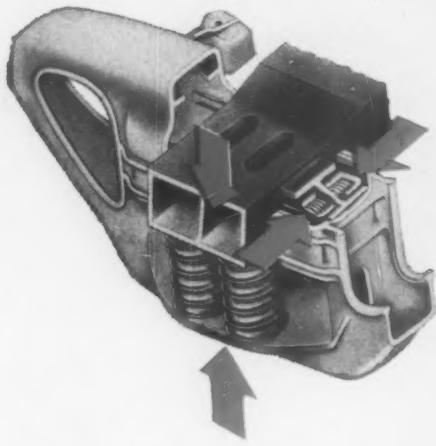
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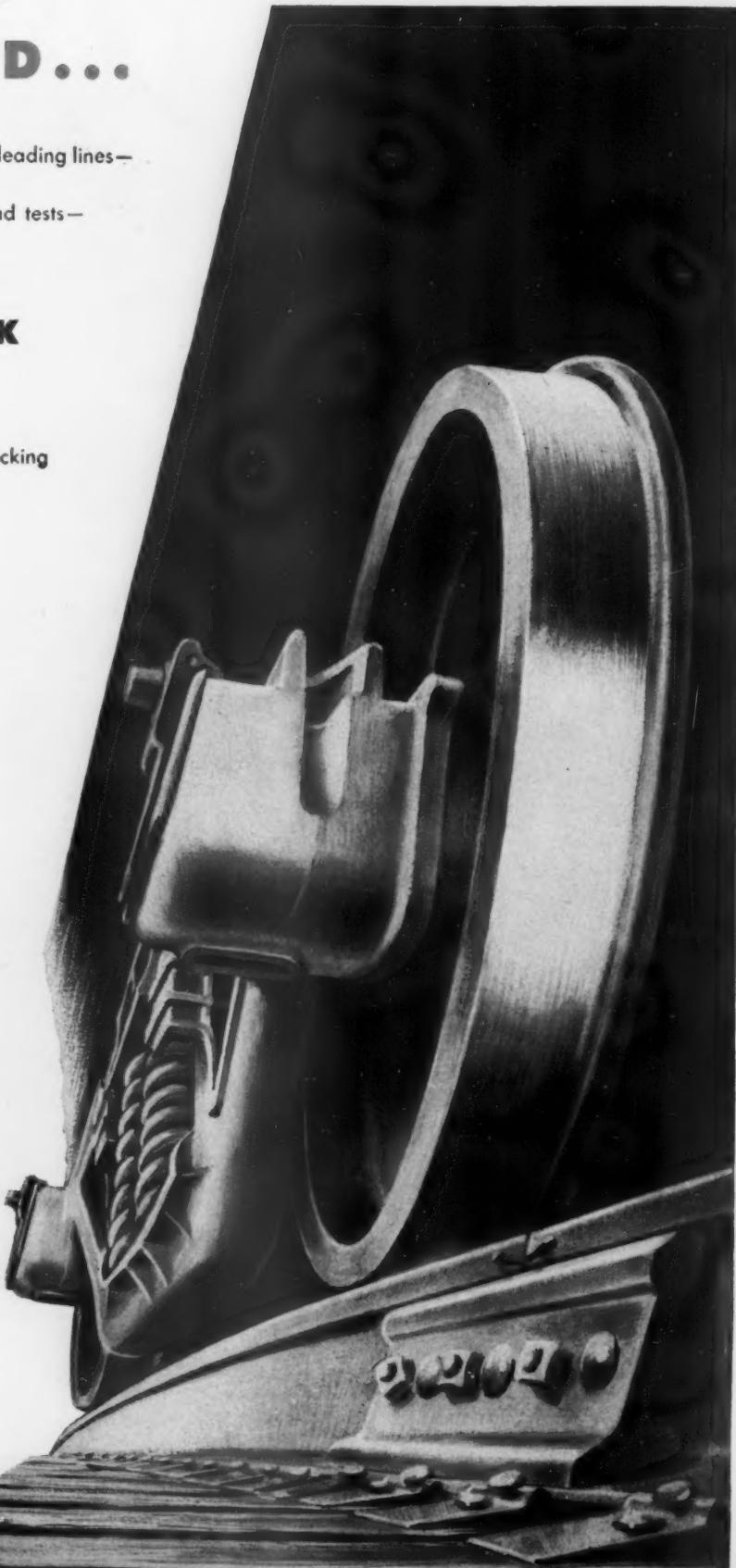


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**THIS WAR IS DIFFERENT:** The war in Korea—and the developments which may result from it—are different from any other war, hot, lukewarm or cold, in which the United States has ever engaged. Most of the differences—in fact, all the major ones—are on the unpleasant side. That very fact makes it all the more important that they be faced squarely and dealt with resolutely. Such fact-facing and resolute dealing leads to the unescapable conclusion that we can no longer indulge in our favorite national pastime of throwing away labor, capital goods and financial resources. Nowhere is the waste of those assets greater—or the need for their conservation more important—than in the field of transportation. So, busy as they undoubtedly are, railroad men now have the additional responsibility of pointing out, forcefully and persistently, the legislative changes necessary to permit transportation to function at top efficiency for the duration of the present emergency. (See editorial, page 39.)

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**HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS:** Remember the old story about the graduate of a well known eastern university who denied the allegation that its students were unfriendly? When he was the catcher on its baseball team, he said, he had known every man on the team—"except one, and he played way out in left field." Southern Pacific officers at Houston go the university graduate a lot better. They want to know *every man on their team!* To accomplish that result they organized some two years ago, and have since maintained, a Monday-through-Friday luncheon club, which is bringing to its members mutual benefits, both in human relations and in better operation of the railroad. The story of the club is told on page 52.

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**TWO A MINUTE:** Highly mechanized facilities recently placed in service by the D. & R. G. W. at Denver, Colo., put the icing of reefers on an assembly-line basis, with a rate of about two cars a minute. The machines, developed by the Railways Ice Company and manufactured by the Link Belt Company, are described and illustrated on pages 48-51.

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**WARTIME BASIS:** Reminiscent of the days of 1941-1945, "priorities and allocations" are in the news again. James K. Knudson, youngest member of the I.C.C., and new supervisor of its Bureau of Service, will be responsible for administering such priorities and allocations as may be established for domestic rail, highway and inland waterway transportation. As related in the article which begins on page 63, Mr. Knudson's new responsibilities result from congressional approval of the Defense Production Act; from an executive order issued by the President on September 9; and from I.C.C. Chairman J. Monroe Johnson's voluntary relinquishment of his supervisory duties over the Bureau of Service—an action which entitles the colonel to a lasting niche in the hall of fame as one of the few government officials in all recorded history who ever stepped down of his own free will from a position of potential power and influence. Authority over pipe lines goes to the interior department, while the commerce department gets equivalent

authority over air transport and ocean shipping—and also over allocation of such materials as steel for freight-car building. W. Stuart Symington draws the probably thankless job of "coordinator of delegated authorities."

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**SAVING STOPS:** Train stops cost money! And so do train delays. So when a single interlocking promises annual savings of over 90,000 train stops, and from 12,000 to 24,000 train-hours, it ought to pay pretty handsome returns even on a cost of \$950,000. Those are the estimated results of a new interlocking at Fostoria, Ohio, covering a complex network of railroad-railroad and railroad-street intersections. It is more fully described, with illustrations, on page 46.

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**THEY MIGHT LEARN THE FACTS OF LIFE:** Texas railroad employees, according to a news report from Austin, are considering a plan to form an employee corporation to operate passenger, mail and express service abandoned by the railroads because of operating losses. The plan is an interesting one, worth watching and wishing well. But we can't refrain from wondering how long it would take the leaders of the scheme to find out that their own apparently insatiable demands have been one of the fundamental causes of most service abandonments. And we pity the poor emergency board set up to adjudicate a wage-increase demand served by employee-employees on employer-employees.

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**KEEPING 'EM CLEAN:** "Good housekeeping"—cleanliness and order—has long been recognized as an important safety factor in shops, yards and other railroad facilities. And the G. M. & O.—a pioneer Diesel user and still the country's largest wholly Dieselized railroad—finds that good housekeeping is also an important fire prevention factor on Diesel locomotives. Why this is so is told on page 43 by C. M. House, general superintendent motive power and equipment; Mr. House also gives considerable detail as to the schedules, materials and techniques which his road uses to keep its motive power in apple pie order. Diesel cleanliness is also discussed in a communication on page 53.

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**NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:** Norfolk & Western, Western Maryland and Colorado & Wyoming to receive Harriman medals for best safety records of 1949.—Railway Tie Association holds 32nd annual meeting at Louisville.—Emergency board recommends 40-hr. week, with 7-cent hourly wage increase, for non-operating employees of 16 short lines.—Western Pacific directors approve refinancing plan.

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**SANDHOUSE:** The illustrated feature article which starts on page 54 is sandhouse—but not in the sense of being rumor or gossip. It's a factual description of the big and versatile new Diesel sanding plant at the Chicago Belt's Clearing yard, in which sand is blown from a 150-ton main tank to servicing tanks as far as 375 ft. away.

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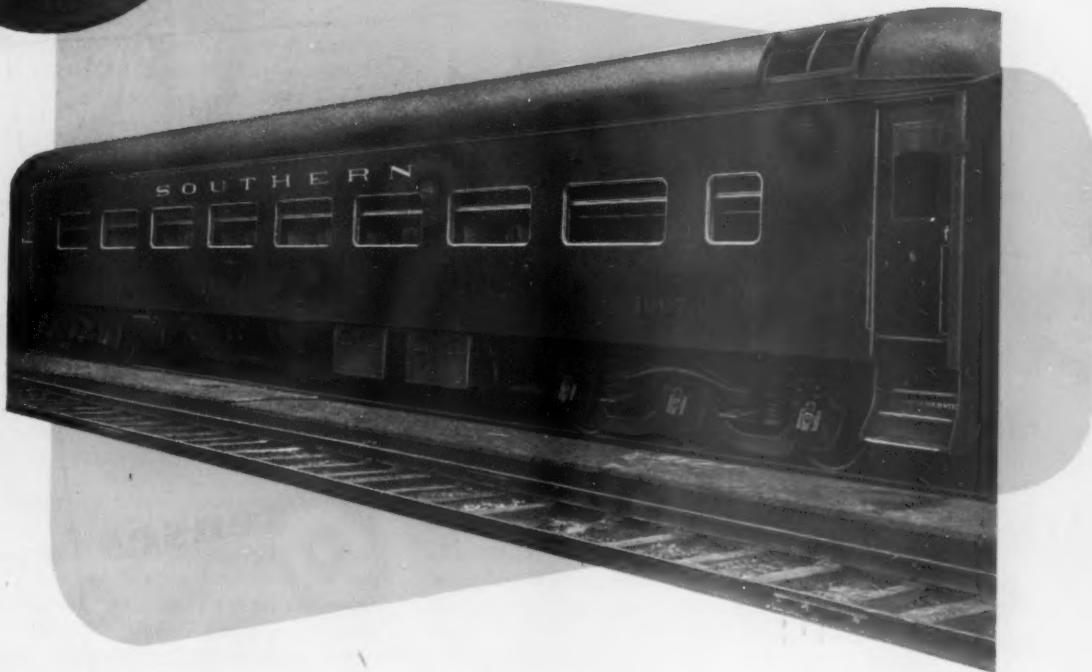
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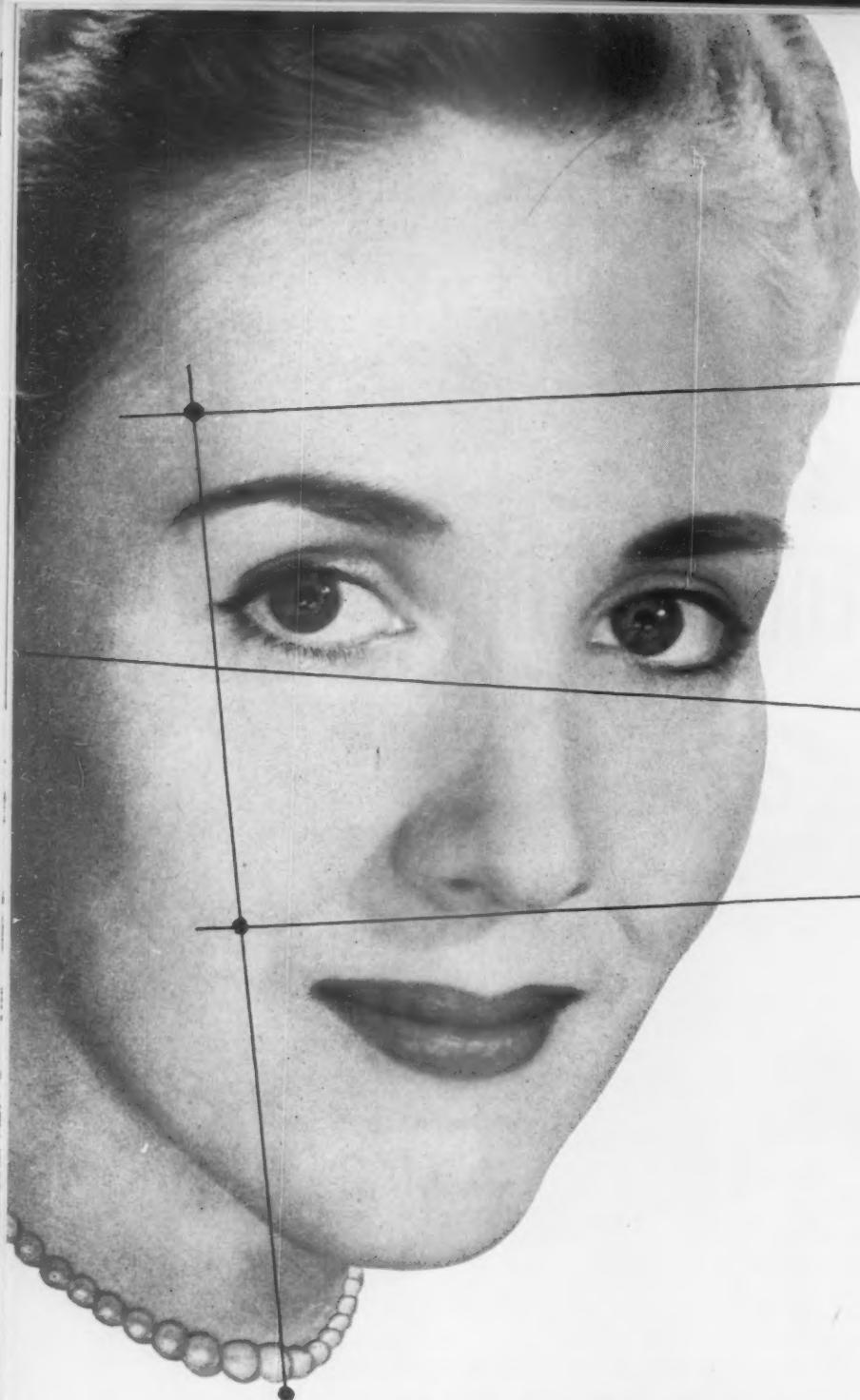
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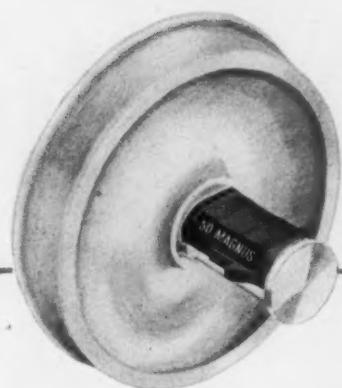
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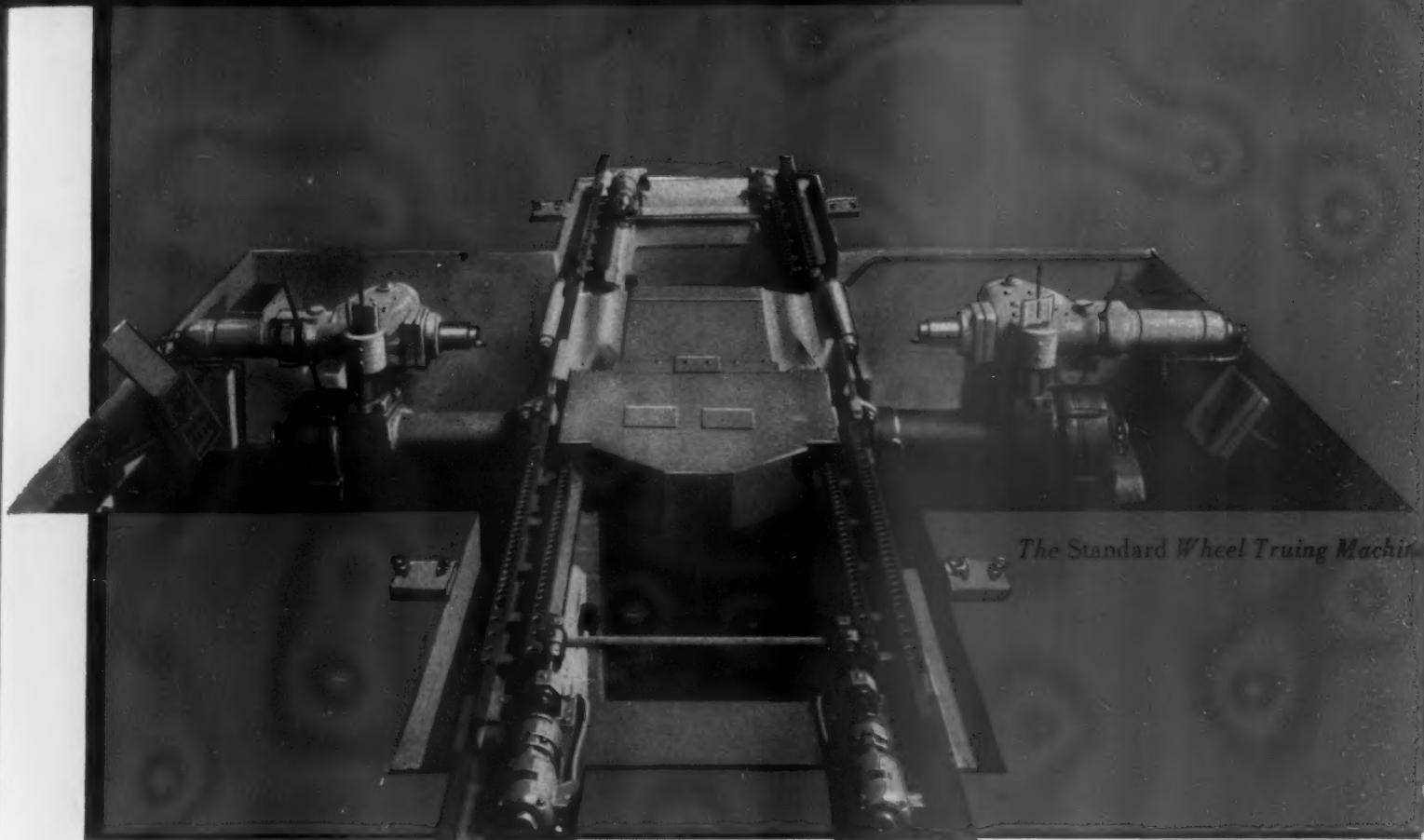
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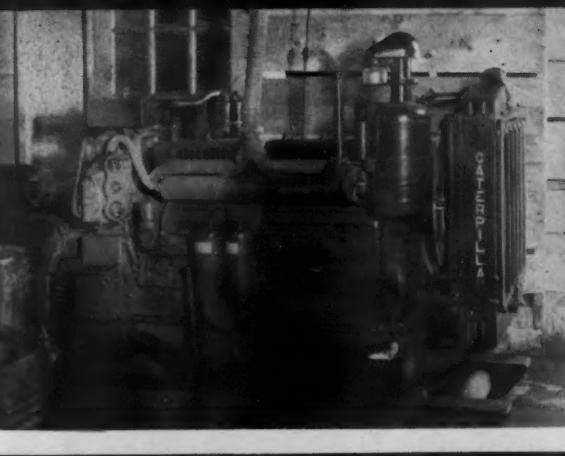
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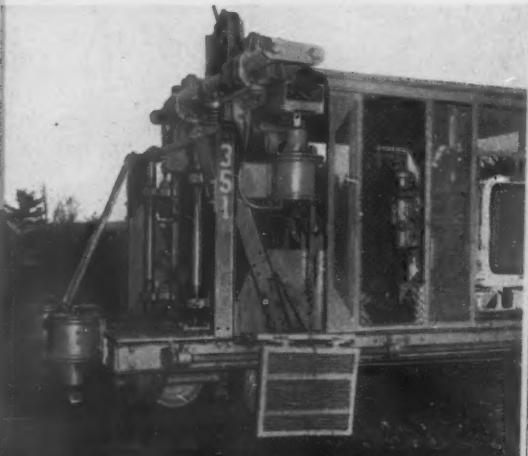
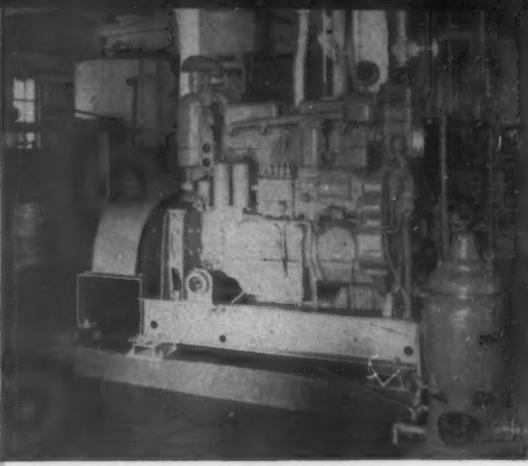
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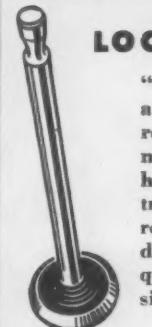
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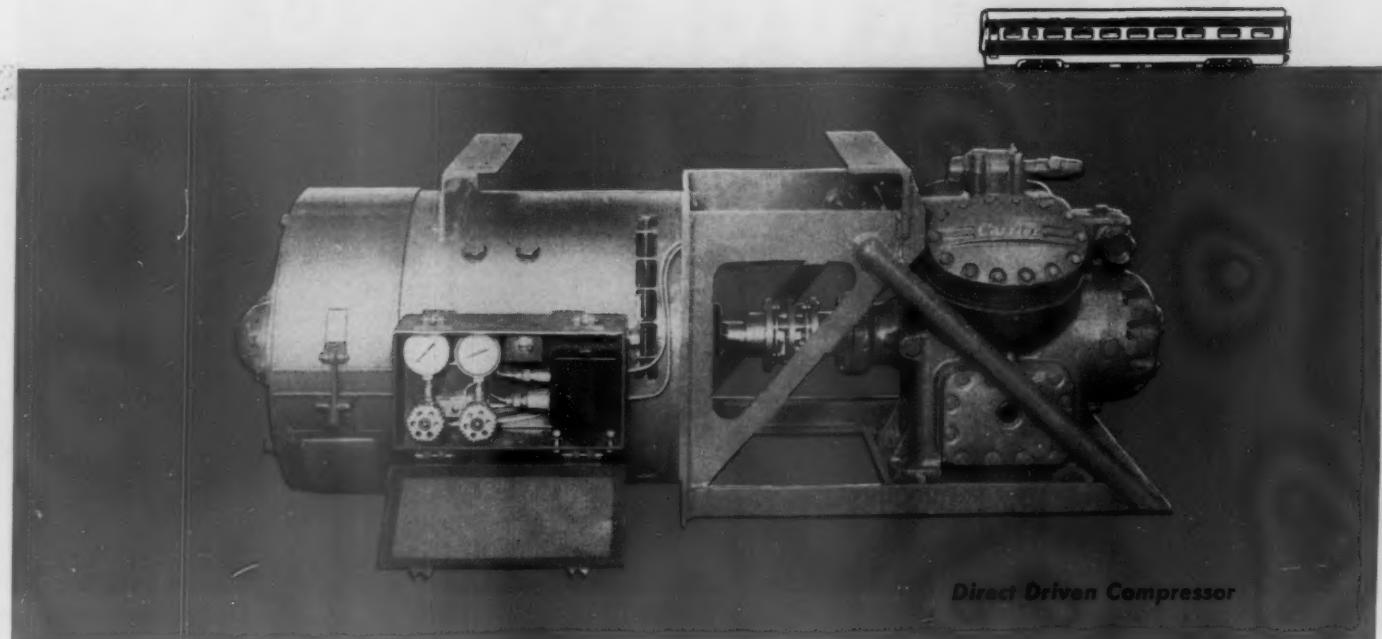
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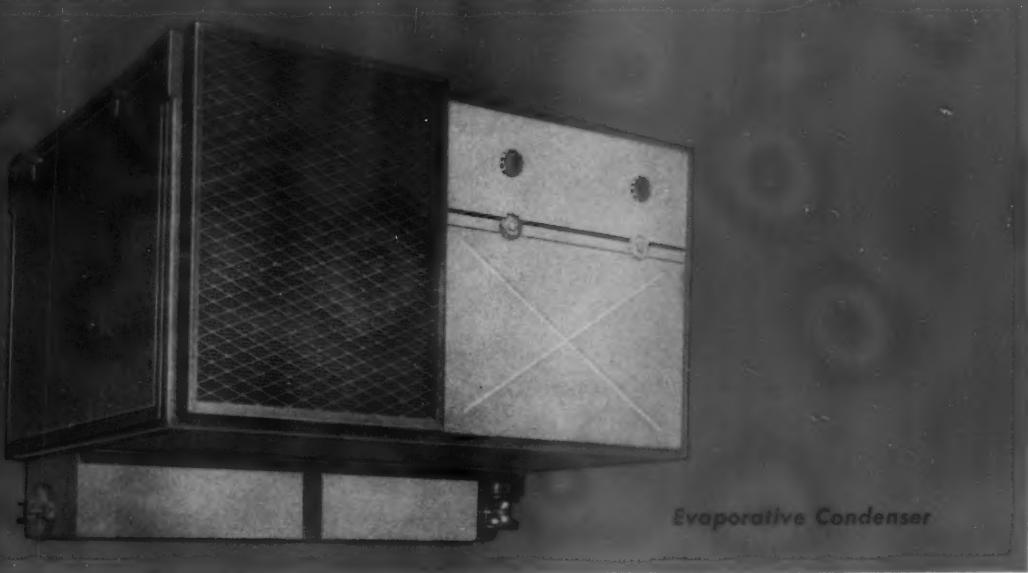
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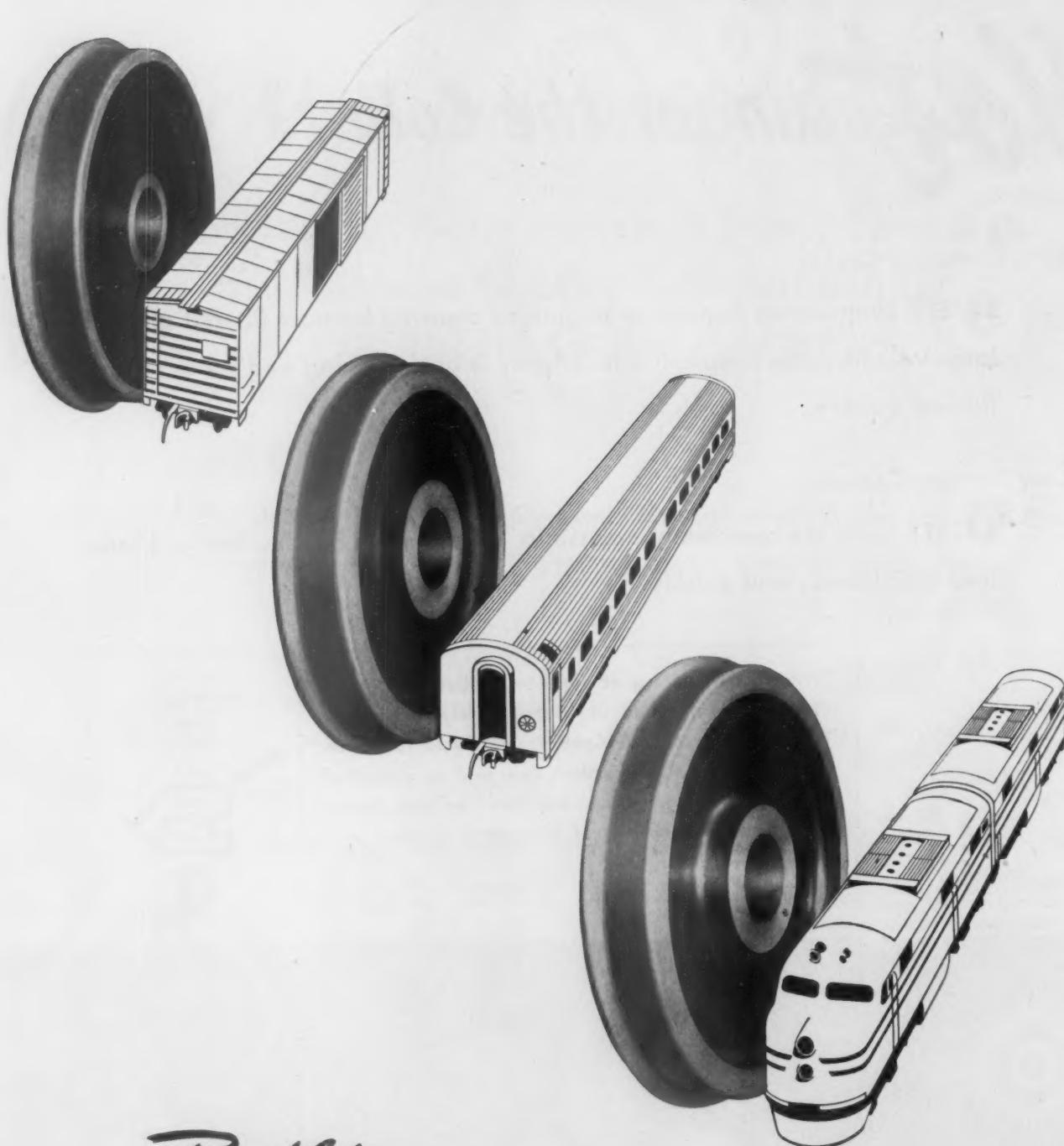
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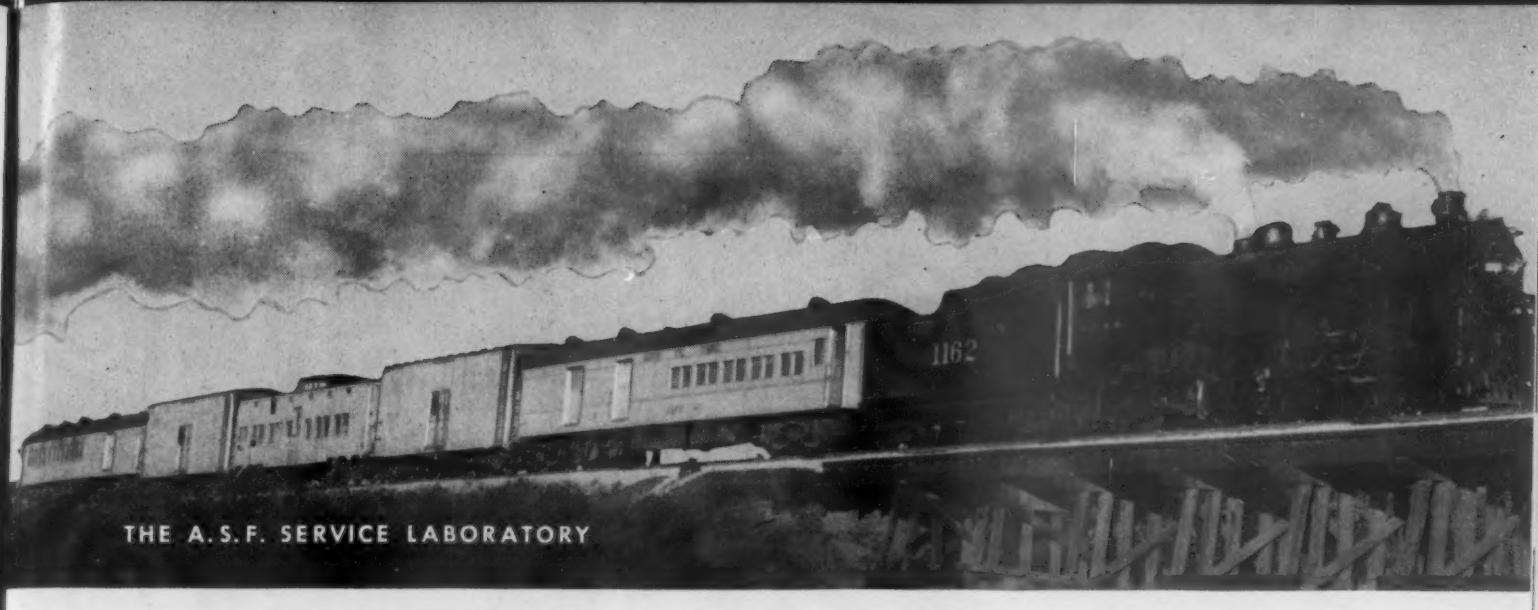
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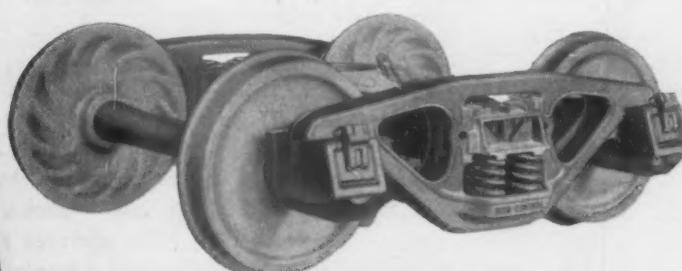
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Pere Marquette	Chicago-Ft. Madison	35	2/20-4/26, '46	6,020
G. M. & O.	Oakland-Sacramento	20	7/8-8/20, '46	2,340
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Illinois Central	Chicago-Ft. Madison	97	4/25-11/6, '47	12,028
Pere Marquette	Clinton-Gilman	22	1/8-2/6, '48	2,200
G. M. & O.	Grand Rapids-Grand Ledge	22	6/10-7/3, '48	1,892
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Illinois Central	Clinton-Gilman	72	3/29-7/1, '49	8,928
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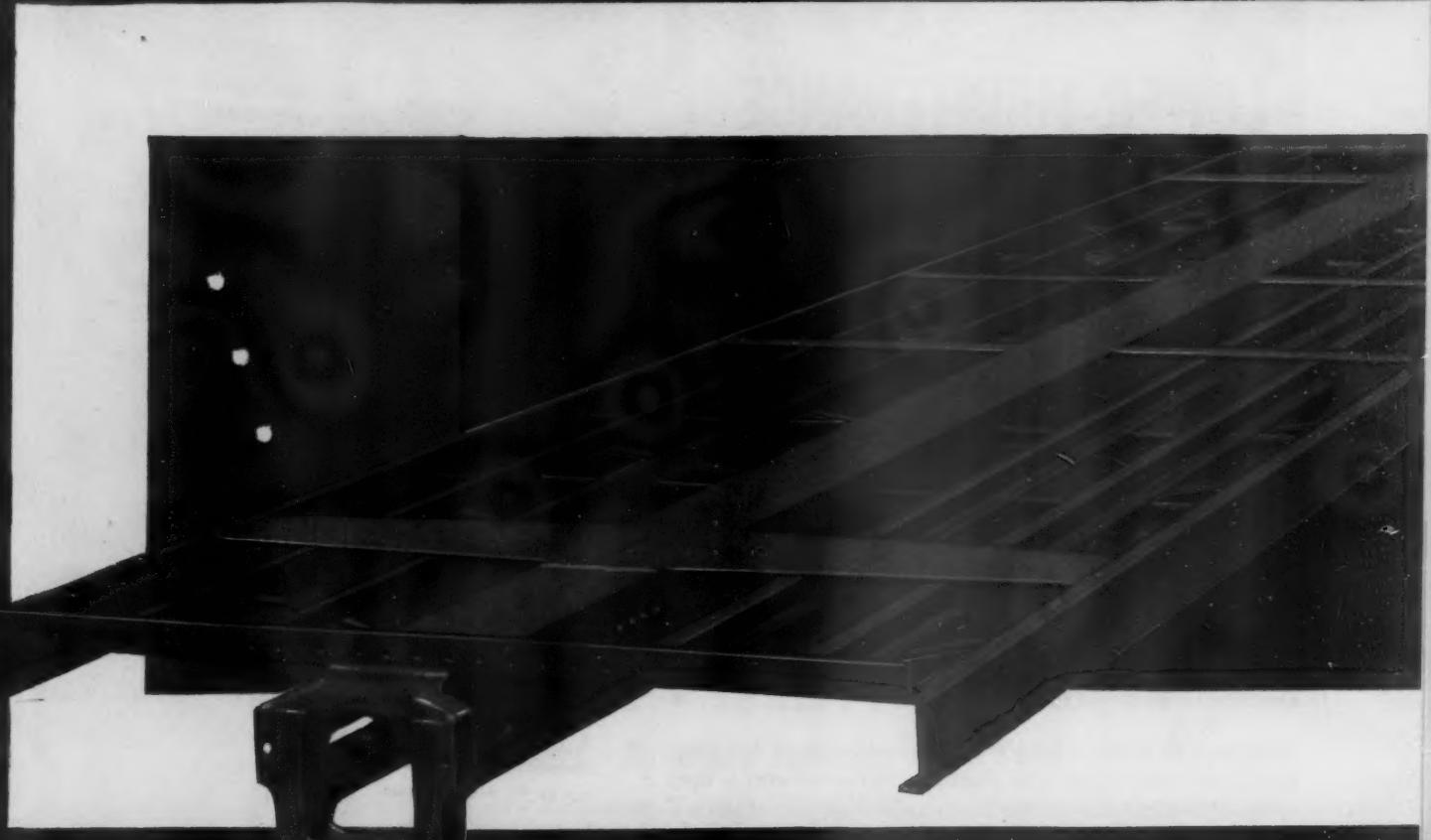
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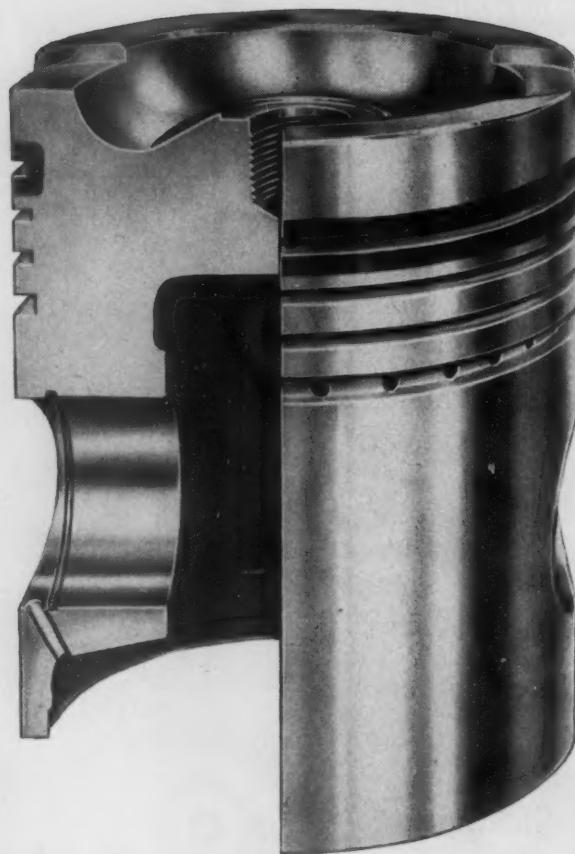
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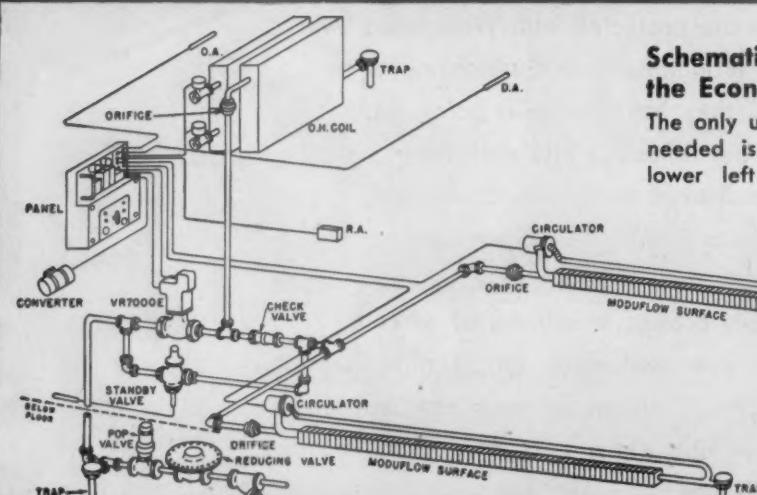
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

## THIS WAR IS DIFFERENT

The current war and its prospective further development present a different problem from any with which the American people, including railroad people, have ever been confronted. Among the most noteworthy of these differences are the following:

### **What the Differences Are**

(1) This time, the enemy is doubtless planning to attack, sooner or later, American lives and property right here on this continent—the equivalent of invasion. This is a danger this nation has never had to face since 1815. American cities, industries, and transportation facilities may thus be subjected to direct war damage—and certainly to the likelihood of destruction by sabotage.

(2) Prior to actual attack on this continent, we have no way of knowing where else we may be attacked first, as we have been in Korea. Consequently we cannot know in what areas concentrations of traffic may occur.

(3) The contest may last for a long time—possibly a decade or more—and develop into a test of endurance.

(4) In World Wars I and II this nation was not a ringleader at the outset. We came in as the ally of other nations already engaged. This time, we are one of the original contestants; and we do not know with any certainty whether we shall have any powerful allies or not.

(5) When World War II began there was on the railroads a large car surplus and a large surplus of manpower. Today, with war production only in its incipient stages, there is already a serious car shortage and a steel shortage—with a shortage of manpower and other materials in early prospect.

(6) In World War II American industry and the railroads were working a 48-hour week. Now, the week has been reduced to 40 hours (as compared to a 60-hour week in Russia, incidentally).

Other differences could be cited, but the foregoing are sufficient to justify beyond all doubt the conclusion that civilian lives and property are imperiled to a degree never before known, and hence hard to appreciate. This nation has engaged in several wars, but never before in one where its very existence was so plainly at stake as in this one. These Communist enemies are not civilized warriors like the British or "Hessians" who confronted George Washington; or the Spanish monarchy with which we fought in 1898; or the Hohenzollerns in 1917; or even the German army of the 1940's (Nazi zealots excepted).

Such considerations as these are not afield from railroading, but are of the very essence of present-day railroad planning and railroad management. The railroads are vital participants in carrying on this war. The out-

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come may very well hinge on the effectiveness of our transportation machine—which every competent transportation man knows to be suffering today from a chaotic waste of manpower and capital goods.

Railroads are forced to keep trains running, handling little dabs of people and freight, because permission to abandon such wasteful services cannot be secured. Trucks are engaging in long-hauling freight at a colossal waste of manpower and vehicles, simply because unequal regulation does not permit the railroads to compete equitably for traffic they are able to handle most economically. Inadequate highway facilities are thus congested beyond all reason, necessitating expenditures of additional billions for highway construction—funds and materials which, in the national interest, might better go into munitions. Many states have legalized axle loads on their highways in excess of those which the highways were built to withstand; and few states adequately enforce even these over-liberal limitations—thereby hastening the destruction of highways which the nation may need badly before the ordeal we have now entered upon has come to an end.

The railroads are not now equipped as well as they should be—because of the less efficient use of equipment resulting from the inauguration of the five-day week, and because they have been too impoverished, and their prospects have been too dark until recently, to justify or permit larger expenditures. Yet the Department of Justice (so-called) persists in its suit to impoverish them still further. No legislation has been enacted to direct the regulating authorities to see to it that railway charges rise *quickly* to match the inflation in their costs. Congress continues to vote fantastic sums for canalizing rivers—where prospective traffic is so trivial that, in order to give a favored shipper a gift of \$1 in reduced freight charges, \$10 or even \$100 of public money has to be spent. It would usually be cheaper to make a direct appropriation from the national treasury to pay a part of the freight charges of such shippers, provided they use existing transportation facilities.

Is it to be expected that we are going to win quickly a test of endurance with an enemy as resourceful, as determined, and as hard-working as these Communists—when we persist in throwing away our labor and our capital goods the way we are throwing them away in transportation?

#### **Unavoidable Responsibility**

There will be some who will say that shippers and railroad people are too busy finding cars, moving them, and loading and unloading them to be bothered about the comparatively few institutional changes necessary to conserve the time of a couple of hundred thousand men and a couple of billion dollars or more annually, now being wasted in uneconomic transportation. That excuse might be valid if the situation confronting us were a matter of a year's duration. But those most qualified to judge are unanimous in the belief that our ordeal will

be with us much longer than that. In an endurance contest, it is obvious that the likely winner will be the one who makes the wisest disposition of his resources.

As trustees for the nation of that part of its transportation resources most necessary to victory in the vital and prolonged contest in which the nation is now engaged, the leaders of the railroad industry have an unavoidable responsibility to point out forcefully and persistently to government officials and to the public the irreducible minimum of legislative changes necessary to enable the railroads—and all transportation—to function at top efficiency during the next decade.

Order and economy are denied to the transportation industry in times of peace because the problem is not sufficiently acute to inconvenience people, and thus awaken them politically. In time of war the establishment of order and economy is postponed because everybody is too busy doing something else. But this war is different, and it had better lead to different handling of transportation too—because this is one war we *could* lose. It is not one we can afford to lose.

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## **BETTER EARNINGS AND HIGH STOCK PRICES**

Railroad stocks on the Dow-Jones average reached a figure of almost 67 on September 12—which was the highest average attained since 1946, when the index went slightly above 68. The 1946 figure was the “peak” for all the years since 1931, which was the last time that the average price of railway stocks has been higher than 100.

The movement of the price of stocks reflects, of course, the improvement in railway earnings. Operating revenues in July were about 10 per cent larger than in July, 1949, while operating expenses were up less than 2 per cent. For the seven months, while gross revenues still fell short of the 1949 total for the same period, net railway operating income rose almost 19 per cent. Net income was up more than 100 per cent in July, and was higher by one-third for the seven months than in the equivalent 1949 period.

This development in earnings and in stock prices is gratifying, but it is not nearly as favorable as it should be. When a sick man has a temperature of 104 deg. and it drops to 102 deg., he feels a lot better—and so do his doctor and his friends—but it would be foolish in the extreme for any of them to conclude that the patient has recovered his health. That conclusion can be justified only when the temperature reaches normal and stays there for a period long enough to establish the probability of permanence. The same caution is needed in rejoicing over the turn which railroad earnings and stock prices have taken.

There is this definite “plus” in the situation, though—the improved earnings will give the railroads a lot more

money than they have had heretofore with which to purchase badly needed new equipment and other improvements for handling more traffic more expeditiously. Improved traffic and prospects, moreover, should remove for a considerable period any fear on the part of most railroad employees that they will be laid off—hence putting in abeyance any justification for further “make-work” efforts.

## COAL ECONOMY DECLINES

A concrete conception of the revolution which the rapid accession of Diesel-electric motive power has caused on the railroads is afforded by a review of the transfer of locomotive-miles from steam to Diesel since 1945 and the effect this has had on the amounts of coal, fuel oil and Diesel fuel consumed.

Of the 62.5 million locomotive-miles per month averaged in freight service during 1945 on the Class I railways, 58.2 million — 93 per cent — were made by steam locomotives. During the first four months of 1950, the total monthly mileage was 43.5 million, of which steam made only 61.5 per cent, or 26.7 million miles. The overall decline in steam locomotive mileage during the period was about 54 per cent.

Compared in like manner, steam locomotives in passenger service did a monthly average of 34.2 million miles in 1945, which was 86 per cent of the total, and 11.1 million miles during the first four months of 1950. This was 43 per cent of the total and represented an overall decline in steam mileage of more than two thirds.

During 1945, 6.3 million tons of coal were burned on steam locomotives in road freight service and 1.9 million tons on steam locomotives in road passenger service, a total of 8.2 million tons in road service. During the first five months of 1950 coal consumed in road freight service was 3.2 million tons and in road passenger service 0.6 million tons, a total of 3.8 million. This is a decline of 41 per cent—nearly 4½ million tons of coal per month.

During 1945 the average monthly consumption of fuel oil on steam locomotives in freight service on the Class I railways was 241.2 million gallons and in passenger service 92.7 million gallons, a total of 333.9 million gallons in both services. The averages during the five months of 1950 were, respectively, 121.7 million gallons, 39.8 million gallons, and 165.5 million gallons. This is a decline of 51.5 per cent.

In the meantime Diesel fuel consumption in both services increased from a monthly average of 27.1 million gallons in 1945 to 128.2 million gallons during the first five months of 1950, 4¾ times as much as during the earlier period.

These comparisons indicate the strikingly rapid changes which have been taking place in fuel consumption during a short period of less than five full years. They do not reflect any changes in the economy with which any of the three fuels are consumed. Well-defined changes have

taken place, however, in the economy with which coal is being burned both in freight and passenger service. During the 12 months of 1941 the average coal consumption per 1,000 gross ton-miles of freight-train movement was 113 lb. In 1945 the average increased to 123 lb.; it was 122 in 1949, and 127 during the first five months of 1950. This represents an increase of 8 per cent over 1941 which took place gradually during the war and from which no recovery has been made since. The effect is even more marked in passenger service where, from 1941, the increase in fuel consumption per passenger-train car-mile has been more than 20 per cent.

The change has been much less marked with respect to fuel oil burned on steam locomotives, amounting to a total of 5 per cent in 1949 over 1941, and the unit consumption of Diesel fuel has shown little change since 1945.

The decrease in coal economy during the war was partly due to the difficulty of securing adequate supplies of locomotive fuel of the desired quality. The rapid Dieselizeation of the railroads which has taken place since 1945, with the accompanying loss of interest in improving steam locomotive operation, has led to the perpetuation of coal supplies less than the best. The decreasing proportion of steam locomotive service, furthermore, accentuates the effect on the total of the marginal services still handled by steam which inherently cause low fuel economy.

Can the railroads afford to be content with continued low fuel economy in steam locomotive service? The economy of double-screened coal, for instance, has been too frequently demonstrated to leave any doubt as to its value. Special effort is needed to overcome the effect of carelessness growing out of a loss of interest in steam locomotive performance; and it must be inspired from the top.

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**“MURDERING OUR ROADS”**—The American Association of State Highway Officials, which represents the highway departments of all the states, has approved an important resolution concerning vehicle size and weights. It points out that the rapidly rising cost of highway maintenance is due largely to excessive loads and the failure of commercial truckers to comply with “very liberal maximum standards.” It then recommends that each state initiate a “vigorous, fearless, and sustained program of law enforcement,” and that all states adopt proper size and weight laws.

This matter comes home to everyone who uses our highways—or through taxes, helps pay for them. The heavy-truck problem has reached the critical stage. As an example, the chief engineer of Oregon’s highway commission has recommended that the state reduce its construction of new highways by half. This is because the cost of repairing and strengthening existing highways is cutting deeper and deeper into available funds. He said further that the great damage to the highways has resulted from increasing trucking coupled with persistent overloading by some operators. These operators, apparently, overload as a matter of policy and regard the fines they pay as part of their overhead. And all the taxpayers must pay through the nose to repair the destruction their vehicles cause.

Practically every state, judging by engineering reports, has a highway problem—and it is growing worse season by season. To protect our pocketbooks—and our lives as well—we must crack down hard on cynical operators who pay no attention to the law. And where the law is weak, it must be strengthened.—*St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Caledonian-Record*

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# Good Housekeeping—the Key to FIRE PREVENTION ON DIESELS

**Gulf, Mobile & Ohio experience indicates the need for carefully developed method involving periodic attention and checking**

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The Gulf, Mobile & Ohio operated its last steam power on October 15, 1949, and became one of the first Class I railroads to be fully Dieselized. Experience with Diesel-electric locomotives as prime movers on the railroad began, however, back in 1936 in passenger service. It is only during the past three or four years that rapid change-over has provided Diesel equipment for all services.

At present the G. M. & O. operates 243 Diesel locomotives, including 132 freight, 16 passenger units, 12 passenger-freights, 83 switch and 8 Diesel-electric motor rail cars.

## Many Changes in Practice

The conversion of a railroad from steam to Diesel power necessitates many changes in practices which have been in effect since railroading began. Personnel must become familiar with an entirely different type of equipment. Maintenance, service and repair facilities must be altered to meet new requirements. Lubricating oil and fuel oil replace coal and water as the major supplies in the operation of the prime movers.

With only a few Diesel locomotives in operation, it is comparatively easy to organize maintenance schedules, and with the development of improved Diesel parts, fuels and lubricants, economical and efficient operation are possible.

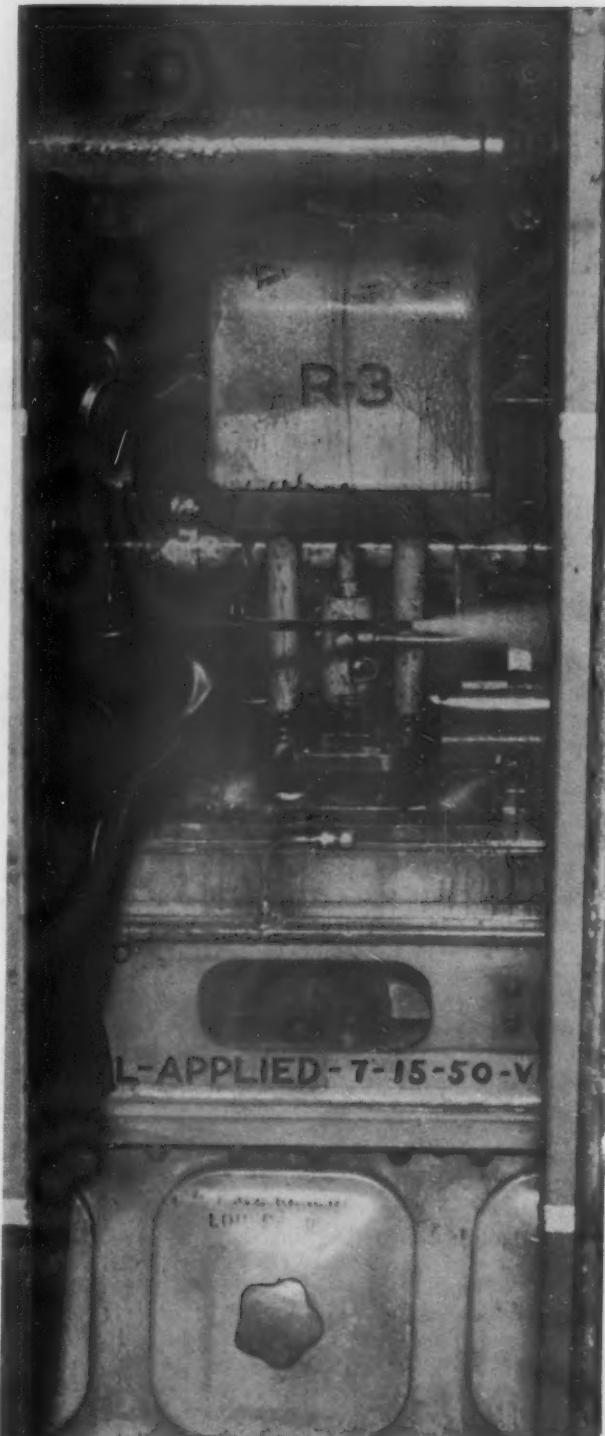
## Cleaning Sometimes Sacrificed

After a road becomes fully Dieselized and especially when officers are under pressure to keep maintenance expense down in spite of spiraling labor costs, the cleaning of Diesel locomotives is sometimes sacrificed. This condition of poor housekeeping not only affects the overall appearance of Diesel power but above all contributes to fire hazards and inefficient preventive maintenance. As Diesel equipment becomes older, the locomotives are more subject to lubricating-oil, fuel-oil and exhaust-gas leaks, necessitating more effort to maintain cleanliness.

Fire prevention, in our opinion, can best be brought about by good housekeeping on locomotives. The cost of fire insurance for Diesel equipment is high and if Diesels are maintained absolutely clean at all times a reduction in premiums may be effected.

Although all G. M. & O. personnel concerned with the maintenance of Diesels were aware of the importance of

This article consists essentially of a written discussion of the committee report on locomotive construction, presented at the annual meeting of the Mechanical Division of the Association of American Railroads at Chicago, June 26 to 28.



How cleaning solution is applied in back of Diesel fuel pumps with air-operated spray gun



Left—Engineroom ceiling panels—Light areas have been sprayed with cleaner and rinsed with water. Right—Hot water and cleaning-mixture drums—Air and solution lines have three outlets along the platform

maintaining clean equipment, it was finally realized that in developing overall maintenance programs the cleaning instructions had been badly neglected.

#### The Cleaning Problem Surveyed

It was decided to make a survey of the entire railroad, studying the availability of Diesels at different terminals for maintenance and the manpower available to perform the work. A study was made also of the different types of cleaning materials available and methods of application, giving preference to cleaning equipment and material which would clean satisfactorily with a minimum amount of hand labor.

Fourteen terminals were selected to perform heavy cleaning on Diesel units. The cleaning program was divided into three phases: (1) external car body; (2) engine, engineroom and engineroom equipment; and (3) underframe (traction motors, trucks, fuel tanks, etc.).

*Car Body Cleaning.*—The exteriors of the Diesels are hand washed using an acid type cleaner, and rinsed clean with fountain spray brushes. A material was selected that was found least corrosive to metals. Where available, the Diesels are run through a conventional car-washing machine with satisfactory results. Some of the Diesels on the main line are washed daily.

*Engineroom and Equipment.*—Engineroom cleaning previously had been done by hand wiping with occasional hand washing of ceiling and walls. It was found that many places around the Diesel could not be reached by this method. The points that were the potential fire hazards were not being cleaned.

An air-operated spray gun was adopted to apply a mixture of grease-solvent material and Diesel fuel on practically every square inch of Diesel engine, accessories, ceilings, walls, and floor. This material is non-toxic and not injurious to paint. Canvas hoods are placed on several parts of electrical equipment to prevent damage. After allowing the material to soak for several minutes, the

same gun is used to spray hot water over all surfaces, removing dirt and soil. The spraying is started at the ceiling and washing proceeds progressively down to the floor. It is sometimes necessary to wipe ceiling and walls dry. Engine, compressor, air-brake equipment, filter tank, oil cooler, etc., are not wiped. All material on the floor is washed out the drains or mopped up. It is the intention to include heavy cleaning of Diesel interiors on the regular monthly form.

*Underframes and Gear.*—The underframe and gear, including fuel tanks, traction motors, trucks, and bottom of the carbody bed, are sprayed with a grease-solvent type cleaner mixed with Diesel fuel oil. After allowing this material to soak for several minutes, all parts are flushed with hot water or steam under high pressure. Terminals that already had high-pressure truck-cleaning apparatus continue to use this equipment for flushing.

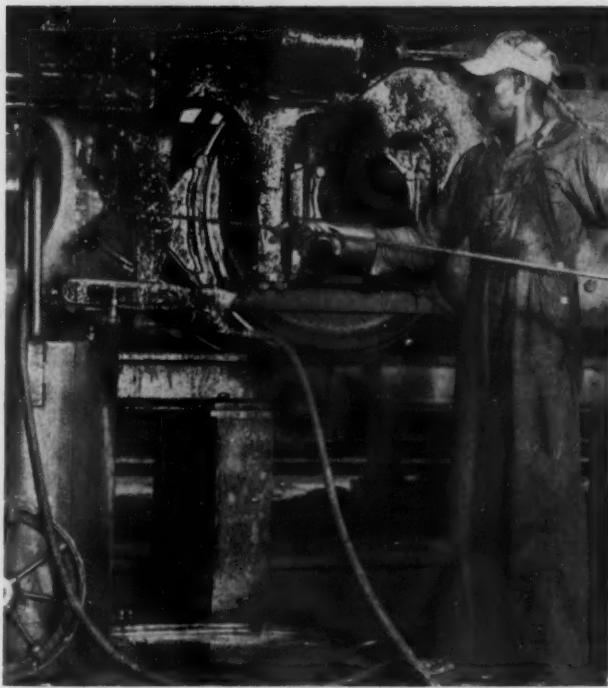
A trained crew spent several days at each terminal, supervising the installation of necessary equipment and training the cleaning forces. This results in uniform cleaning procedures at all terminals. Daily reports are furnished a central office where the progress of cleaning can be closely followed.

The benefits have been many fold. Maintenance forces are better able to make efficient inspection of equipment. The morale of these forces has been improved by cleaner working conditions. Oil leaks are more readily discovered and corrected. It has not been found necessary to increase the cleaning forces to accomplish this extra work. Management furnished the necessary equipment, cleaning material and cleaning procedure. The maintenance forces do the work.

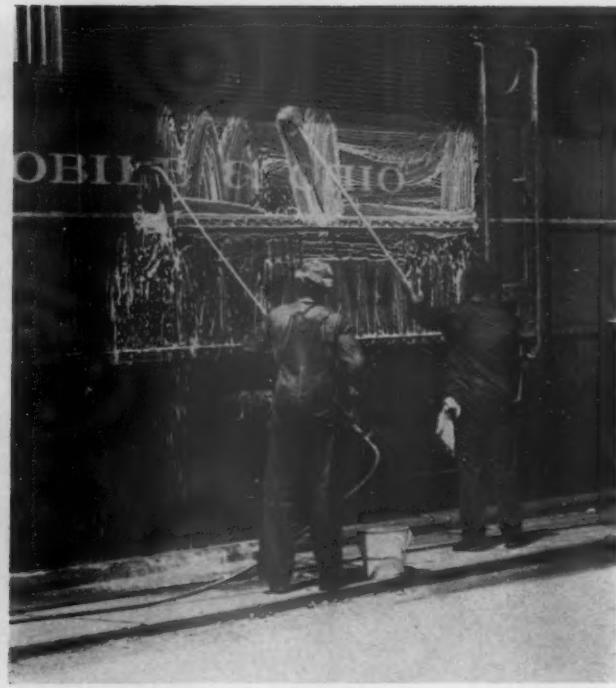
#### Crankcase Explosions

It is the writer's belief that the G. M. & O. is the first railroad to organize a uniform cleaning program for the entire system.

It is also our thought that a lot of disastrous fires



Left—Equipment and fan-type spray used in applying cleaning solution to trucks and other underneath parts. Right—How Diesel locomotive exteriors are cleaned at points where a mechanical washing machine is not available



occur on locomotives from crankcase explosions. Standard instructions have been developed for preventing them.

A review of Diesel performance on the G. M. & O. for 1949 discloses that we experienced five mild crankcase explosions on the Northern region. They are classified as mild for the reason that only the top deck covers were dislodged and that the crankcase and air-box covers remained intact. No personal injuries were experienced, but they did produce serious train delays.

On the Southern region, no explosions were experienced but investigation of delays indicated at least seven instances when engine conditions existed conducive to crankcase explosions.

We all are familiar with the primary cause of crankcase explosions, namely the vapors in the crankcase becoming mixed with air in the proper proportion and coming in contact with a flame or an overheated part sufficiently hot to ignite the vapors.

A study of crankcase explosions indicates that violent explosions are most likely to occur during a reduction of engine speed, stopping an engine or after an overheated engine has been shut down.

Therefore, if an engine has any overheated parts in contact with the crankcase vapors it is inadvisable to loiter around the engine, to remain near it longer than necessary to shut it down, or to attempt to remove the top deck, air-box or crankcase covers for at least one-half hour after shutting it down.

We have little control over the mixture of vapors with air in the crankcase but we can prevent flames or overheated parts from coming in contact with the crankcase vapors. The most common conditions which produce crankcase explosions are piston seizures, excessive piston blow-by, failure of oil supply due to plugged screens or oil lines, contamination of lubricating oil with water or fuel oil, causing bearings to overheat, misalignment or misapplication of bearings resulting in overheating of the bearings and shafts, metal in the oil system causing bear-

ings to overheat, misalignment of piston oil-cooling pipe (Electro-Motive only).

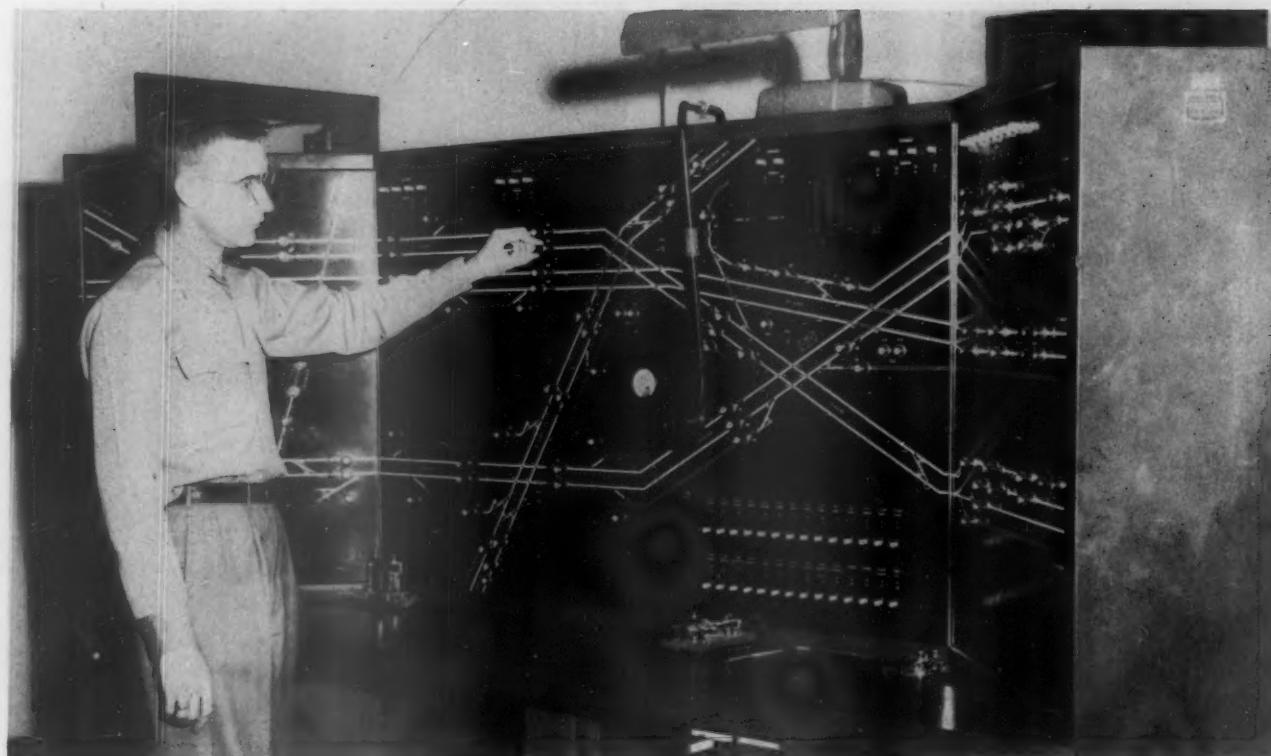
All of these are the result of mechanical conditions which can be located by rigid inspection and corrected by proper maintenance. The elimination of crankcase explosions therefore can be attained by maintaining Diesel units in proper mechanical condition, thorough periodic inspection and doing the required maintenance.

#### **Mechanical Defects Must Be Corrected**

We must not allow ourselves to become satisfied with careless inspection practices or shoddy workmanship and certainly must not operate units which are known to be in a defective condition, since sooner or later such practice will result in disastrous consequences.

The matter of potential crankcase explosions is of such great importance that we continually impress upon subordinate supervisors the importance of keeping Diesels clean, making thorough periodic inspections and correcting all defects that are in any manner conducive to increasing the potential risk of explosion. All of these instructions are in the hands of Diesel supervisors, master mechanics and foremen, who periodically instruct the maintainers and admonish them to follow closely practices which tend to eliminate crankcase explosions.

Everyone knows the disastrous results sometimes experienced from the explosion of boilers on steam locomotives. Close supervision and checking is required of all boilers and boiler appurtenances, especially feedwater apparatus, related piping, hose and tank strainers, and instructions must be kept current and followed through to see that conditions causing boiler explosions do not occur. It looks as though a potential hazard involved in operating Diesel locomotives, analogous to steam boiler explosions, is that of crankcase explosions, so we believe it is necessary to follow through, keeping personnel just as alert in the maintenance and operation of Diesels as was our practice with steam power.



The new interlocking machine at Fostoria is the NX entrance-exit type, and controls 68 signals, 32 power switches and 11 electric switch locks

## New Interlocker Saves 91,250 Train Stops Annually

At Fostoria, Ohio, 35 miles southeast of Toledo, the New York Central, in collaboration with the Baltimore & Ohio, the New York, Chicago & St. Louis, and the Chesapeake & Ohio, has installed a large NX entrance-exit interlocking, involving an extensive network of tracks which criss-cross at that point. Placed in service at a total cost of \$950,000, which was shared proportionately by the four railroads involved, the project also included the installation of new automatic short-arm gates and/or flashers at 14 highway crossings in the plant area.

### A Busy Spot

The lines involved include the main line of the N. Y. C. between Toledo and Thurston; the B. & O. between Chicago and Akron; the main line of the Nickel Plate between Fort Wayne, Ind., and Bellevue, Ohio; the Lake Erie & Western line of the Nickel Plate between Sandusky, Ohio, and Lima; and the main line of the C. & O. between Columbus and Toledo. All these lines are double-track through the interlocking except the L. E. & W., which is single track. Daily traffic averages 6 through passenger trains and 17 freights on the N. Y. C.; 14 passenger and 35 freights on the B. & O.; 6 passenger and

***Installation in Fostoria, Ohio, is at complicated crossing of four railroads over which move about 300 trains daily***

19 freights on the two lines of the N. Y. C. & St. L.; and 4 passenger and 32 freight trains on the C. & O.—a total of 133 trains. Speed limits through the plant are 30 m.p.h. on the N. Y. C. and the C. & O., 45 m.p.h. on the B. & O., and 50 m.p.h. on the Nickel Plate.

In addition to through traffic, there are about 180 switching movements daily, bringing the total number of train movements through the interlocker up to approximately 313 every 24 hours. The N. Y. C. maintains one yard engine and crew in Fostoria on an 8-hr. shift daily; the B. & O., the same; the N. Y. C. & St. L., three engines and crews on three 8-hr. shifts; and the C. & O., two engines and crews on one 8-hr. shift and one engine and crew on three 8-hr. shifts.

Under the previous method of operation, through trains on all roads were required to make two stops in each direction, in addition to station stops. Tilting-

crossbar signals and statutory "Stop" boards were in service, and signalmen were on duty 24 hours daily at the C. & O.-B. & O.-N. Y. C. crossing; B. & O.-Nickel Plate; Nickel Plate-C. & O.-N. Y. C.; and the C. & O.-L. E. & W.-N. Y. C. crossing. A 24-lever mechanical interlocking which was in service at the B. & O.-L. E. & W. crossing was retired as part of the project.

In frequent instances before the new installation was made, the signalman at one crossing would be ready for a train movement, but the signalman at the second crossing would not, because of his crossing being occupied by another train. Consequently, the train would be advanced to the second crossing and stopped, in its turn blocking other crossings. As a result, trains piled up behind one another, tied up additional trains on other roads, and blocked highway crossings in Fostoria for extended periods. Long freight trains had to be cut in two to clear these crossings frequently, and drawbars were often pulled in getting them started again. Trains were thus delayed up to 50 minutes—the principal reason for the decision to install the new plant.

#### Trains Expedited

Comparing the present method of operation with that formerly in effect, based on 133 through train movements daily, and assuming that all these trains cleared each other through Fostoria, which they do not necessarily, the elimination of two stops for each train on all roads by the new plant would amount to a total saving of 266 stops daily, or 97,090 stops annually. Taking understandable delays into consideration, however, a conservative estimate of the stops saved would be 250 daily, or 91,250 annually. In addition, through trains are now saving anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes in getting through Fostoria. With 133 such movements daily, this represents a total saving in train time of from 33 to 66 hours daily, or 12,136 to 24,272 hours annually.

The new signals on the N. Y. C., Nickel Plate and C. & O. are the color-light type, and those on the B. & O., the color-position-light type. Switch machines are designed for operation on 110 volts d.c. The interlocking machine, which is sheltered in a new building, known as Tower "F," is of panel-type construction with the conventional arrangement of NX entrance-exit knobs and buttons, track diagrams, magnetic route indicators and indication lamps. This type machine, which controls 68 home signals, 32 switch machines and 11 electric locks on hand-throw switches in interlocking limits, was chosen primarily to eliminate individual-lever operation, and thus facilitate and expedite overall manipulation of the

machines—an important factor in keeping trains moving through the busy layout, where there is a movement every few minutes.

The machine consists of a 3- by 5-ft. center panel with a 3- by 2-ft. wing at each end. White track-occupancy lamps and red lock lamps are normally extinguished. Red lock lamps are lighted when routes are lined for train movements, a route normally being lined by operation of the signal knob at the entrance of the route, and by pushing the exit button at the end of the route. When the switches in the route have completed their movement and the home signal has cleared, a green lamp in the signal knob is lighted until the signal is accepted by the train, or taken away by the towerman.

#### New Tower Built

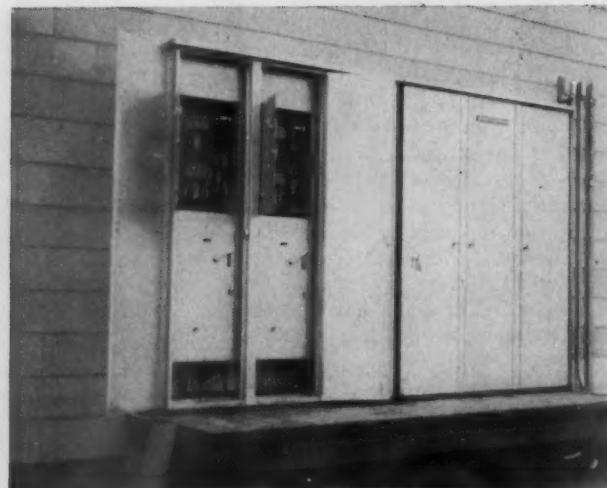
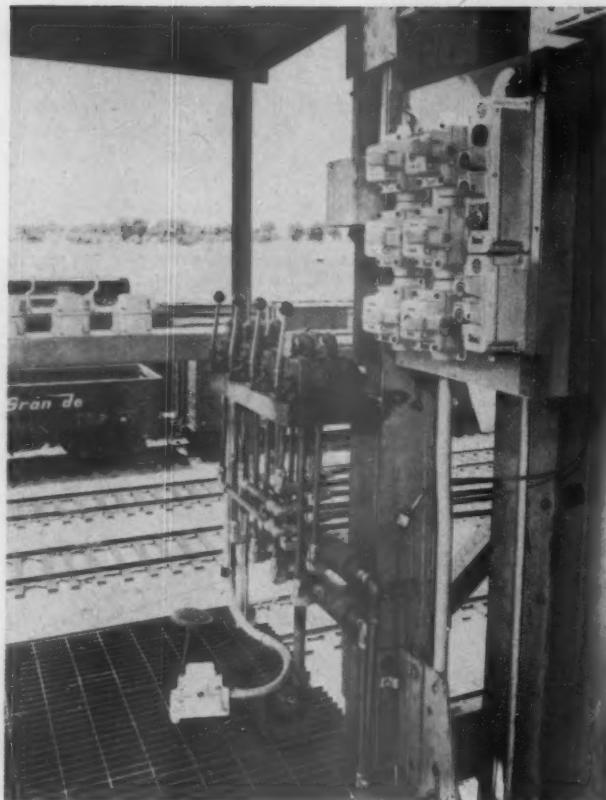
The new tower, which shelters the interlocking machine, relay and battery room and maintainers' headquarters, is of complete fireproof brick, precast concrete and steel-beam construction. A furnace room and the maintainers' headquarters are located at one end of the building, and directly over these rooms is the room which contains the machine. This room has a sound-proof tile ceiling with flush-mounted electrical lighting fixtures, and Thermopane glass is used in the windows to prevent glare and fogging. The floor, formed from precast concrete slabs, also serves as the ceiling for the rooms below. A single-story extension of the building, in which precast concrete slabs form the ceiling and roof houses the relay and battery room. The building is heated by thermostatically controlled oil heat, the furnace, burner and controls having been furnished by the American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.

As part of the interlocking project in Fostoria, modern Model-10 automatic short-arm electric gates and flashing-light signals were installed at nine crossings, and flashers only at five crossings. Each gate and flasher assembly includes, from top to bottom, a standard cross-buck sign, number-of-tracks sign, "Stop on Red Signal" sign, and the gate mechanism.

This plant and highway crossing protection was placed in service under the jurisdiction of H. D. Abernethy, assistant signal engineer of the New York Central, the regular signal construction forces of all roads involved participating in the work. The major items of signal and interlocking equipment were furnished by the General Railway Signal Company, and the highway crossing protection by the Western Railroad Supply Company. A detailed description of the project appeared in the July *Railway Signaling and Communications*.

New automatic short-arm gates and/or flashers were installed at 14 highway crossings in the area of the new interlocking





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## Machines Ice Two Cars Per Minute

**Denver & Rio Grande Western installs highly mechanized facilities for icing refrigerator cars at Denver, Colo.**

Refrigerator car icing facilities recently placed in service by the Denver & Rio Grande Western at Denver, Colo., include storage facilities, 3,600 ft. of low-level loading platform or ice dock, and two loading machines which break the ice to the size needed for each car and mix in the required amount of salt as the ice goes into the car bunkers. The loading machines are self-propelled and each one is capable of filling the average bunkers in a car in 50 seconds. Allowing 10 seconds to move from one car to the next, it is possible for one of the two machines to ice cars at the rate of one per minute.

### How Cars Are Iced

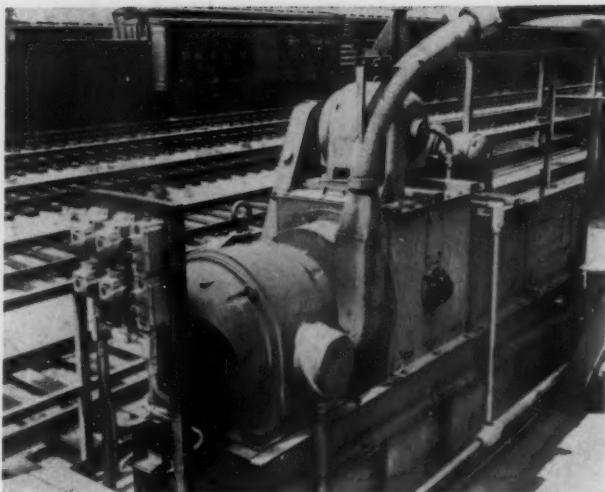
Natural ice from nearby mountain lakes is used, and this ice is stored in an icehouse at the mid-position of the ice dock. Conveyors are reversible and may be used either to load ice into the house or remove it for icing cars. The icehouse, which will hold 16,000 tons of ice, is 300 ft. long, 100 ft. deep and 40 ft. high. It is divided into three sections and there is a sloping conveyor in the center of each section. There is a daily storage room 12 ft. wide which extends the full length of the icehouse along the front.

For loading cars, sufficient ice in cakes of about 300 lb. is moved from the house to the daily storage room. Two conveyors move the ice to the center of the storage room where it is deflected from the conveyor and moves by gravity down an incline to one of two pit conveyors which move the ice under a loading track and up to the ice dock. On the ice dock, the cakes are moved northward by one conveyor or southward by another to either of the two icing machines.

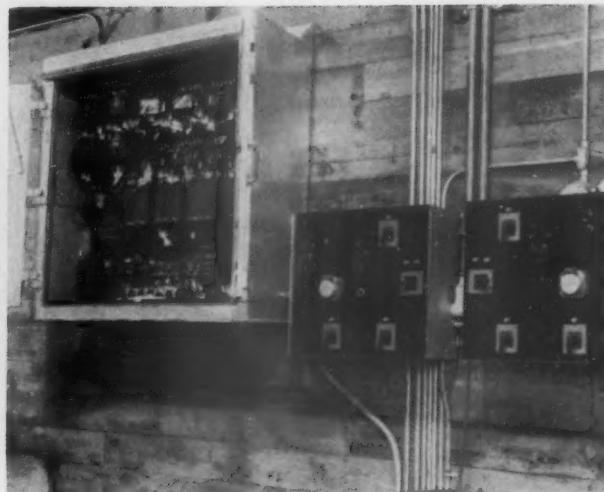
### Can Crush Ice to Any Size

The ice dock and one track for the icing machines are located between two tracks on which the cars to be iced are placed. When the cakes moving along the dock reach the icing machine, they are deflected onto the machine. There are two ice crushers on the machine, one which may be adjusted to produce any size of chunk which may be wanted and the other for making very fine snow ice.

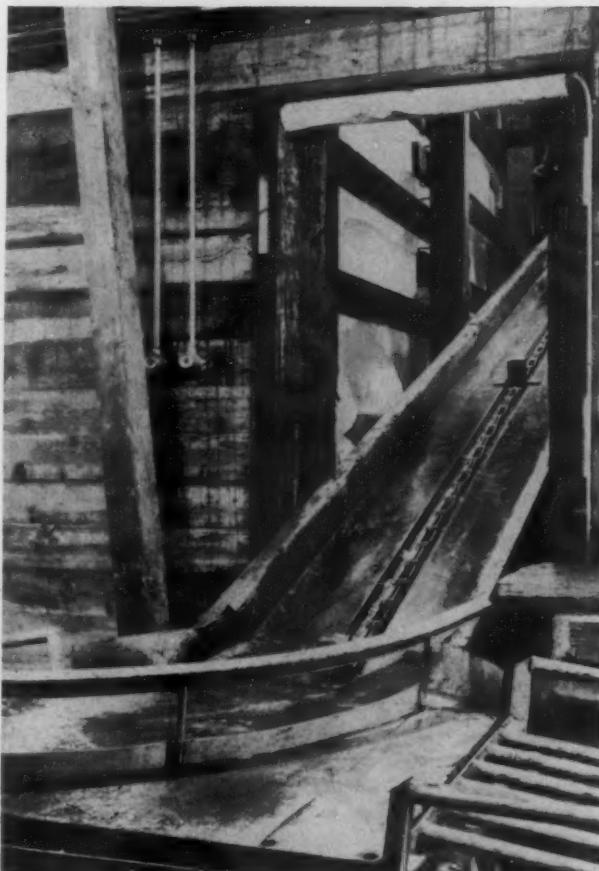
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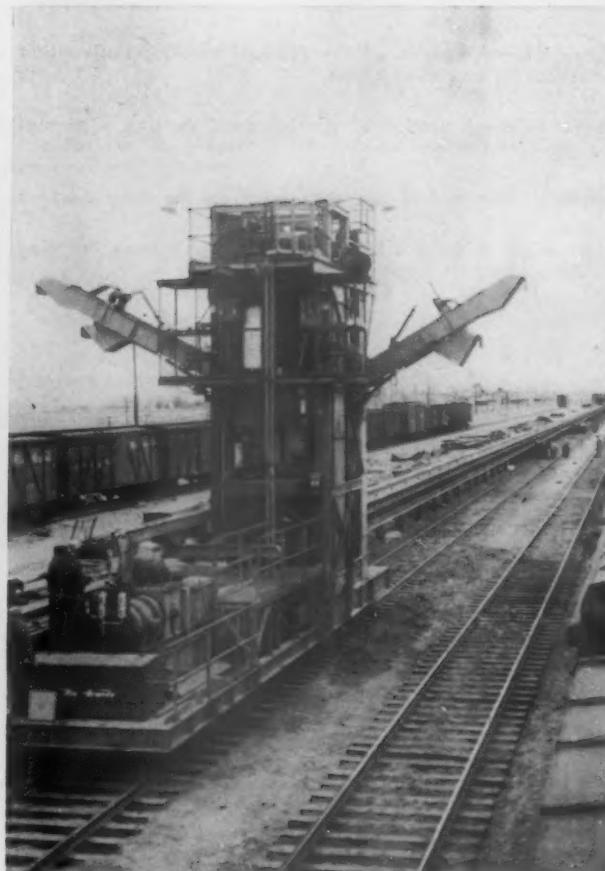
Crusher and blower unit for snow-ice



Coded control equipment in the daily storage room for controlling conveyors from the icing machine



Lower end of one of the three sloping conveyors used to move ice in and out of the icehouse

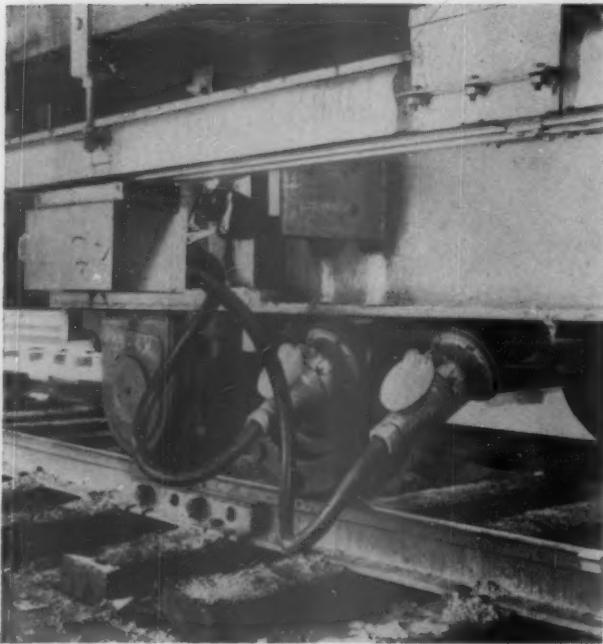


One of the two icing machines

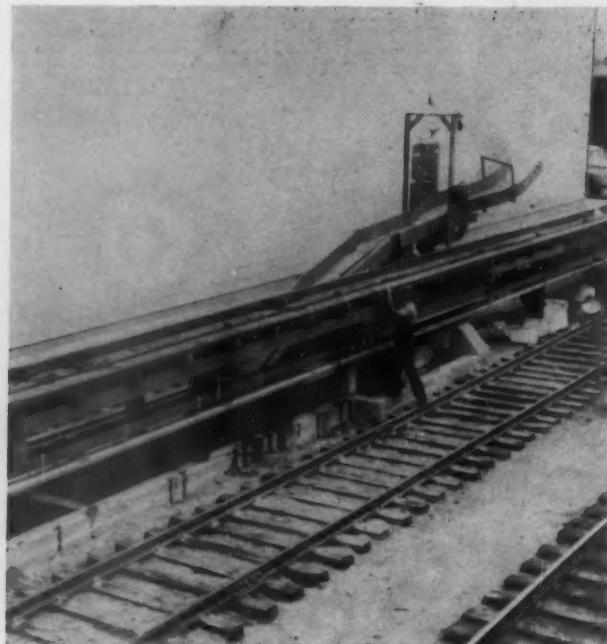
From the first crusher, the ice is elevated to either one of the two adjustable chutes which deliver the ice to the car bunkers. One of the chutes delivers ice on the track adjacent to the icing machine track, while the other reaches across the ice dock to cars on the track beyond. The position of the chutes may be ad-

justed to suit the car being loaded, and the ice may be directed, by means of baffles and gates, to flow out of either of the two openings in the chute.

A selector at the control position of the ice machine is used to weigh out a batch of salt to suit the car's requirements. This salt then flows into each bunker as the



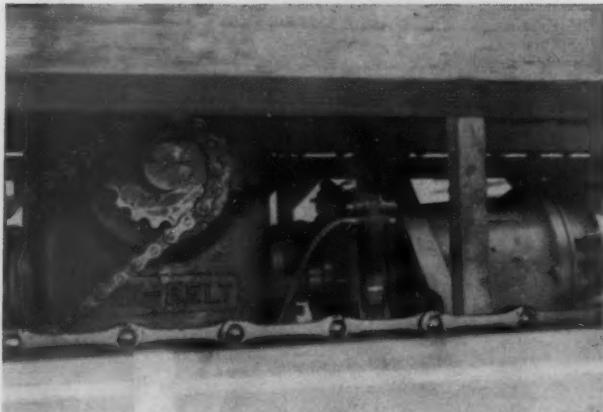
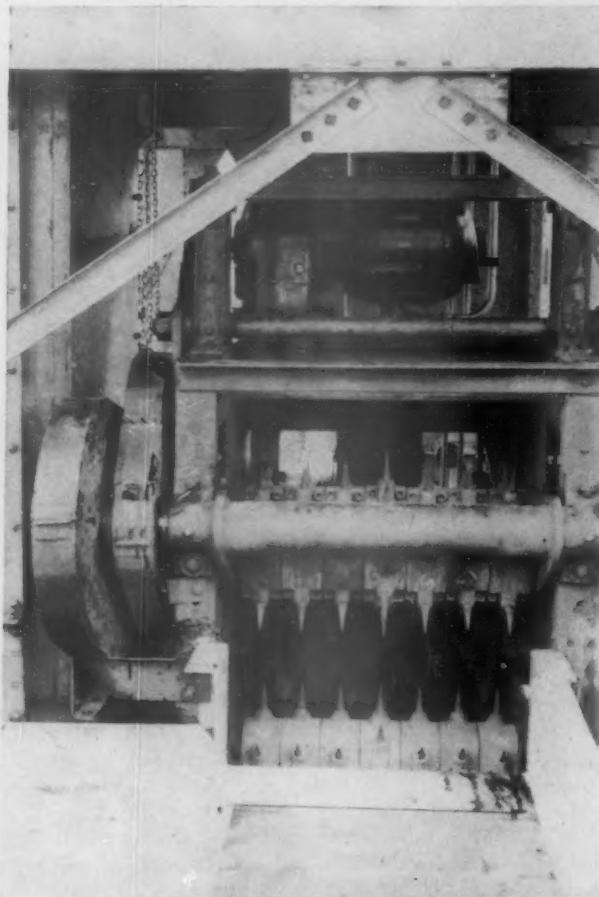
**Above left**—A section of the Feedrail showing the contact shoe housing and connections



**Above right**—A section of the ice dock showing a part of the pit conveyor and chute—All conveyors are reversible

**Below**—Intake end of the ice crusher on the icing machine

**Right**—One of the two Link-Belt drives which move the icing machine along its track



ice is added. A second crusher on the icing machine produces fine snow ice which is blown through a hose to body ice cars when necessary.

#### **Control and Communication**

At the center of the daily storage room are control switches which permit controlling of the house conveyors or passing the control to the operator of the icing machine. With this control so transferred, the icing-machine operator controls the house conveyors, the ice-dock conveyor, the motors which move the icing machine along its track, the crusher motors, the elevator motor and the hydraulic machines which regulate the height of the chutes and the baffles and gates controlling the flow of ice to either side of the machine and to either bunker in a car.

To make all the necessary controls possible, two communication systems and a remote control system for motors are required.

Telephone hand sets and loudspeakers are located on the icing machine, in the icehouse, and in the office building at one end of the icehouse for telephone

communication between these points. This is a carrier system using 140 kc. superimposed on the 440-volt power circuits.

The control circuits for operating the conveyors from the icing machine control position are carried through the rails by means of General Railway Signal Company coded track circuits. For this purpose the wheels of the icing machines are insulated from the machine and from each other.

A third communicating (public address) system permits the workers on the ice dock to talk with the yardmaster. For this purpose, there are talk-back speakers at 300-ft. intervals along the dock.

#### Power Supply

Electric power, at 13,000-volts, 3-phase, is delivered to a small transformer station at one end of the icehouse, where it is stepped down to 440 volts for motors and yard lighting, and to 110 volts for interior lighting.

Branch power circuits from the transformer station are protected by air circuit breakers in steel cabinets, mounted on one end of the ice station. Each lighting branch is also protected by a thermal De-ion breaker. Floodlights on towers in the yard are controlled by photoelectric relays.

The several conveyors are driven by two 5-hp., five 15-hp., and four 30-hp. motors. A 7½-hp. motor is used to operate a sump pump under the pit conveyors, for pumping out water and slush that accumulates in

the pit. Operation of the pump is controlled automatically by the level of the water in the sump.

Power for operating the motors on the icing machine is delivered to the machine by a Feedrail Corporation electrical distribution system with an underrunning trolley. This includes three 440-volt conductors in a housing which covers top, sides and a part of the under surface of the conductors. The trolley or shoes operate through a slot in the lower surface of the duct.

The icing machine is a development of the Railways Ice Company, and manufactured by the Link Belt Company. Two 20-hp. motors are used to move the machine along its track. A 10-hp. motor drives the coarse ice crusher, and a 15-hp. motor operates the fine crusher. The fine crusher is adjusted for required size of ice by a 5-hp. motor. There is a 10-hp. motor for the ice elevator. A 25-hp. motor operates the snow ice grinder and a 1-hp. motor drives the feed table to the grinder. A 60-hp. motor drives the blower or impeller which delivers snow ice through a five-inch hose for top icing. A 3-hp. motor moves ice from the dock deflector to the crushers and there are two additional 5-hp. motors, one for the salt elevator, and one for the oil pressure pump. Each of the two icing machines is thus served by motors having a total of 179 hp. In addition, each machine uses 7½ kw. for communication, lighting and coded control. The installation was engineered by, and installed under the supervision of, G. M. Moore, electrical engineer, and J. J. Schmidt, assistant electrical engineer, of the railroad.

## New Books . . .

**NARROW GAUGE RAILWAYS IN AMERICA**, by Howard Fleming, edited by Grahame Hardy and Paul Darrell. 144 pages; illustrations; decorations by E. S. Hammack; foreword by Lucius Beebe. Includes a list of narrow gage railways in America, 1871 to 1949, compiled by Brian Thompson. 8½ in. by 5½ in. Bound in cloth. Published by Grahame Hardy, 2046 E. 14th st., Oakland 6, Cal. Regular edition, \$5.

**OIL LAMPS AND IRON PONIES (A Chronicle of the Narrow Gauges)**, by Frederic Shaw, Clement Fisher, Jr., and George H. Harlan. 187 pages; illustrations; maps and profiles; drawings of narrow-gage rolling stock; decorations by E. S. Hammack; foreword by Lucius Beebe. 10 in. by 6½ in. Bound in cloth. Published by Bay Books, Ltd., 742 Market St., San Francisco 2, Cal. All sales and distribution inquiries should be addressed to Frederic Shaw, 4 Third st., Sausalito, Cal. Regular edition, \$5.

To one who, like this reviewer, has always been intrigued by slim-gage railroads, whether in the canyons of Colorado or the cranberry bogs of Massachusetts, both of these books are fascinating reading.

"Narrow Gauge Railways in America" is a reprint, with numerous additions, of Mr. Fleming's dissertation on the merits of narrow-gage lines, originally published in New York in 1875, and reissued in the following year. As the title page to the 1876 edition, which is reproduced in the present book, says, it is a sketch of the "rise, progress and success" (from the standpoint of 75 years ago) of narrow-gage lines then in existence or construction, with "valuable statistics as to grades, curves, weight of rail, locomotives, cars, etc." and a "directory of narrow gauge railways in North America." Statistics and directory alike, of

course, have lost their value except to the antiquarian, the railroad historian or the narrow-gage "fan." But they provide, nevertheless, an interesting vignette of an almost forgotten bit of American history; and a nostalgic reminder of those less sophisticated—and less nerve-wracking—days when the arrival in a community of a pair of rickety narrow-gage rails was often hailed with greater enthusiasm than is now accorded to the construction of a four-lane highway.

"Oil Lamps and Iron Ponies," narrower in geographical scope but more complete in detail, is a specific and apparently definitive history of eight western narrow gages—the Nevada County, the Lake Tahoe Railway & Navigation, the North Pacific Coast, the Sumpter Valley, the South Pacific Coast, the Ilwaco Railway & Navigation, the Pacific Coast (California), and the Pajaro Valley Consolidated. It is a pleasing mixture of historical fact and amusing anecdote, accompanied by excellent illustrations and detailed drawings of equipment which should delight fans and model builders alike. Particular praise should go to Mr. Shaw for his excellent maps and profiles of each of the eight lines, which make the text both more interesting and more understandable, and which set a style and standard that might well be followed in all railroad histories.

It is perhaps gratuitously unkind to mention the fact that both books are somewhat marred by slipshod editing and proofreading, because the resultant minor errors do not seriously distract from the pleasure of reading them. But as a native of Massachusetts, the reviewer is struck by the fact that Mr. Thompson's compilation of narrow-gage railways in the former book lists one operated by the Delta Cypress Company in Bolivar county in the old Bay State. Somehow cypress—and Bolivar counties—seem a little out of place in the land of the bean and the codfish, so it appears that the proofreader must have been thinking at the moment of other things—even, be it confessed, as *Railway Age's* does on unhappy occasion.



Part of the group of Southern Pacific personnel who honored Dr. J. R. Gancy, chief surgeon of Southern Pacific Hospital, Houston, on his birthday recently

## Southern Pacific Officers at Houston Find Luncheon Club Beneficial

Nearly two years ago a group of Southern Pacific officers and department heads at Houston, Tex., were enjoying a brief respite from a series of debates in which they had engaged as a part of their public speaking training.

All agreed there was need for a better and more friendly understanding between all personnel but the majority were not in accord as to the best method of bringing it about.

"The main thing," one of the embryo speakers pointed out, "is that officers believe those who work under their supervision should know one another well, whereas we, as department heads, are not too closely acquainted with each other." He then went on to observe that railroad officers are so absorbed with their duties that they often arrive at their offices preoccupied with their affairs. Over the years they have failed to take time to become better acquainted with the men with whom they work.

Then one of the members of the public speaking group suggested the organization of a luncheon club at Houston for officers, department heads and supervisors. Before the evening was over a committee had been appointed to investigate the feasibility of forming such an organization. This committee not only declared the plan a good one but recommended that immediate steps be taken.

Within a few weeks Houston's Southern Pacific Luncheon Club was a functioning reality. Luncheons were held each work day, Monday through Friday, each member paying as he went, plus a small stipend for his membership.

Meetings were soon transferred to the Rice Hotel where facilities were larger. Today, the club has a membership of 175 railroad officers, department heads, supervisors and others.

Southern Pacific Luncheon Club's roster runs the gamut of classifications on the railroad. In addition to the executives there are foremen, chief clerks, bureau heads and men from the regular ranks. Hundreds of other employees have attended the luncheon at one time or another as guests of their superior officers.

Their interest, while mainly Southern Pacific, is to get better acquainted with one another. It is reasonable to say that not one member of the club has failed to profit from the daily get-togethers. Members have come



General Manager T. M. Spence cuts his birthday cake. Left to right: J. J. Moore, assistant general manager, Mr. Spence, T. B. Ollis, superintendent of transportation, and George Wessels of the general manager's office, Houston

to understand that they, as top men on the railroad, have many things in common.

When a member has a birthday there is always a large cake to share with fellow members. No one ever leaves the luncheon room on such an occasion without congratulating the member who has celebrated such an important occasion in life. Where does the money with which to buy the cakes come from? It comes from the ever-present "kitty," a small box kept under lock and key and always in a conspicuous place in the luncheon room. Into the box club members drop their small change from time to time, thereby building up a fund with which to see that these cakes are on hand when needed.

Often there are special events such as when Dr. J. R. Gandy, chief surgeon of Southern Pacific Hospital at Houston, celebrated his birthday recently. There was not only a special menu but a lot of fun for everyone. Dr. Gandy, unaware of what had been planned for him, had to enjoy his meal garbed in a surgeon's robe and using surgeon's tools for tableware.

There is always some good natured "ribbing" at these luncheons, some friendly banter to keep these noon get-togethers lively. Guests, if they are well known to those present, come in for this the same as the members. The men who comprise the organization have come to know those with whom they associate each noon hour, and they make the best of the opportunity to cement their acquaintance and friendship.

Though some of the club members have been working on the railroad for 30 or more years, not until these daily luncheon meetings started did they know more than a figurative handful of the officers and department heads beyond the most casual contact on the job.

One member, now an officer, who started his career as a clerk some 30 years ago, met another officer during one of the first luncheons. "You know," he said, "I'm rather ashamed to make this man's acquaintance so late but since making it I have found him entirely different from what I imagined." His experience was typical of many instances since this organization was founded. Such are the benefits to be derived not only in the field of human relationships, but in better operation of the railroad.

## Communications . . .

### Are the Railroads Walking Into Trouble?

TO THE EDITOR:

It is interesting indeed to read your comments in your issue of August 22 on the general displacement which is underway of steam locomotives by Diesel power. All of the leading railroads are now indulging in this program and much of it is, without question, generally justified. The inherent high thermal efficiency of the Diesel engine as compared with the steam locomotive of standard arrangement has impressed railroad managements in spite of the relatively higher cost of a British thermal unit in Diesel oil as compared with bituminous coal in most parts of this country.

The solution of some of the problems connected with Diesel equipment still lies ahead of the railroads and the locomotive designers and builders. The Diesel locomotive is still relatively new, and important improvements in design and operation will undoubtedly be forthcoming. One does not have to observe a busy railroad operated by Diesel locomotives without being impressed by the smoky Diesel

exhaust which is often nearly as dense as the smoke from the Diesel's older steam brother. This sooty exhaust should worry railroad people more than it does, because it represents not only wasted fuel and lubricating oil but is going to be severely criticized by the neighbors as time goes on. It is by way of being a more troublesome nuisance than coal smoke because it is so sticky. It also makes frequent car washing far more necessary than it has been. An immediate solution is higher maintenance standards, which mean increased expenses.

A cursory observation of the tracks of a busy Diesel-operated railroad also forces the conclusion that there is a great deal of lubricating oil spread over the ground by passing locomotives. This waste should be given far more attention than is now the case.

Much has been said and written pro and con about the future of the petroleum supply in this hemisphere. We have been lulled into some complacency by the optimists who have decided that there is no immediate danger of shortage, even though it may be necessary to resort to synthetic oil, which will be expensive. This optimism has influenced many railroads to embark on a program of complete elimination of all steam equipment from the property and the scrapping of coal-handling facilities and water supplies, a program of course representing immediate economy.

It is apparently the feeling that there will never be a dearth of oil as has been the case with coal, at times when Diesel locomotives have carried the burden of traffic successfully, as during Mr. Lewis' stoppages of activities in the coal fields. It apparently has not been kept in mind sufficiently vividly that serious problems were introduced during World War II along the Atlantic seaboard and in the northeast, when our coasts were blockaded by German submarines. It is, unfortunately, not outside the range of possibility that history will repeat itself if we become involved in World War III and the Soviet "schnorkels" come over to our side of the Atlantic. Petroleum products are in increasing demand for military, aviation and naval needs and the railroads may be seriously embarrassed if they do not have some coal-burning equipment to fall back upon if the emergency should arise.

Diesel locomotives, or perhaps better still, gas turbines may well be the ultimate railroad motive power, but there are still some unsolved problems ahead. It would seem to be too early to follow the current fashion and yield to the temptation to burn our bridges behind us by making a complete change to Diesel equipment and entirely scrapping the old form of motive power, in spite of the obvious immediate advantages in so doing.

It seems appropriate to suggest presenting some thoughts in this connection with the idea of stimulating discussion at this time.

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### A Thought for the Brotherhoods

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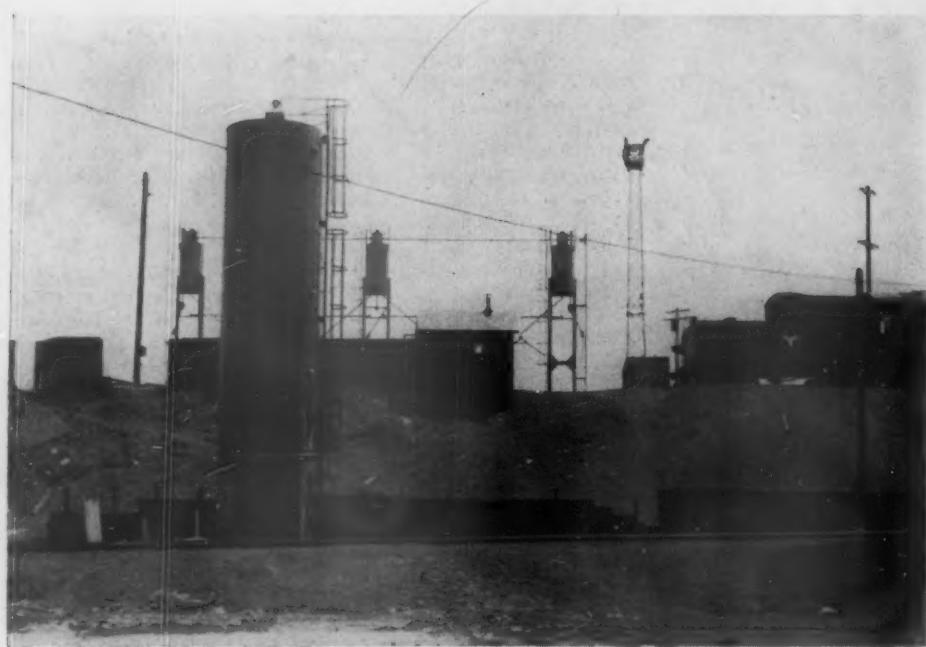
TO THE EDITOR:

Those members of the railway brotherhoods who have been urging the public ownership of railroads would do well to read the proceedings of the hearing held in Springfield, Mass., on July 25, on the question of federal hydroelectric development of New England waterways.

They would learn that both the C.I.O. and the A.F. of L. opposed the discriminatory method of distribution of the power or energy developed from flood control in favor of publicly owned plants because "labor unions have suffered not only in wages but in other collective bargaining where public ownership has displaced private utilities."

This is an angle that the brotherhoods might investigate before advocating government ownership of the railroads or making any moves that would tend to drive the railroad owners out of business in their battle to meet competition subsidized by the government.

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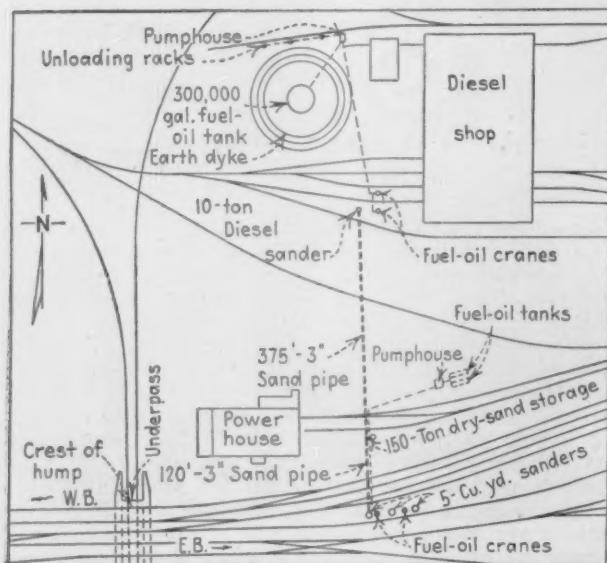


Commercial predried sand is unloaded from cars into an unloading hopper of the 150-ton dry sand storage tank shown in the foreground. The sand then flows into a sand-lift drum and is blown to the top of the tank. Electrically operated "bin-indicators" at the quarter points indicate the height of the sand within the tank

## Sand Plant Supplies Two Servicing Layouts

**From a 150-ton main storage tank at Clearing yard, Chicago, sand is blown 120 ft. in one direction for hump Diesels and 375 ft. in another to service other locomotives**

In connection with the conversion of its steam locomotive shop at Clearing yard, Chicago, into a shop for handling the heavy repair and running maintenance of its



Sand is blown from the 150-ton storage tank in two directions, namely 375 ft. north to a sand tower near the Diesel shop, and 120 ft. south to three sand towers on the hump

Diesel-electric power, the Belt Railway of Chicago recently erected separate sanding and fueling facilities for servicing the Diesels assigned to hump operations and those assigned to other service. The outstanding feature of this installation is the fact that sand is blown 375 ft. in one direction from a dry-sand storage tank to fill the elevated hopper of the sanding facilities near the Diesel shop, and 120 ft. in another direction to fill the hoppers of three sand towers near the crest of the yard hump.

The sanding and fueling facilities were built in anticipation of the complete Dieselization of the railroad this fall. Since the Belt's fleet of Diesels includes some types that require sanding from the sides and others from overhead, and are operated as either single or double units, the sanding and fueling facilities on the hump were designed to service any of these types and combinations at one spotting, while those near the Diesel shop will service any single unit at one spotting.

### Storage Tank Holds 150 Tons

The main sand-storage tank was erected near the toe of slope of the hump embankment and is served by a track used by cars in the disposal of cinders from the powerhouse. It is a cylindrical tank, 10 ft. 6 in. in diameter by 30 ft. high, and is supported on four legs at an overall height of 44 ft. above the top of rail. The tank has a capacity of 150 tons of dry sand. Commercial dry sand is used, which is received in box cars. The tank has a cone bottom and the space beneath is enclosed to house

the blowing equipment which utilizes compressed air from the terminal air supply at a pressure of 100 lb. per sq. in.

A hinged ramp has been provided on the track side of the lower enclosure of the tank to permit the use of wheeled scoops for transferring sand from a box car to an unloading hopper. The sand flows from this hopper into a 1-ton sand-lift drum and is blown through a 3-in. pipe riser to a baffle box, located at the top of the tank, whence the sand falls into the tank. An inside ladder, a manhole in the roof of the tank, and an outside ladder with a safety cage, provide means for maintenance men to enter the tank.

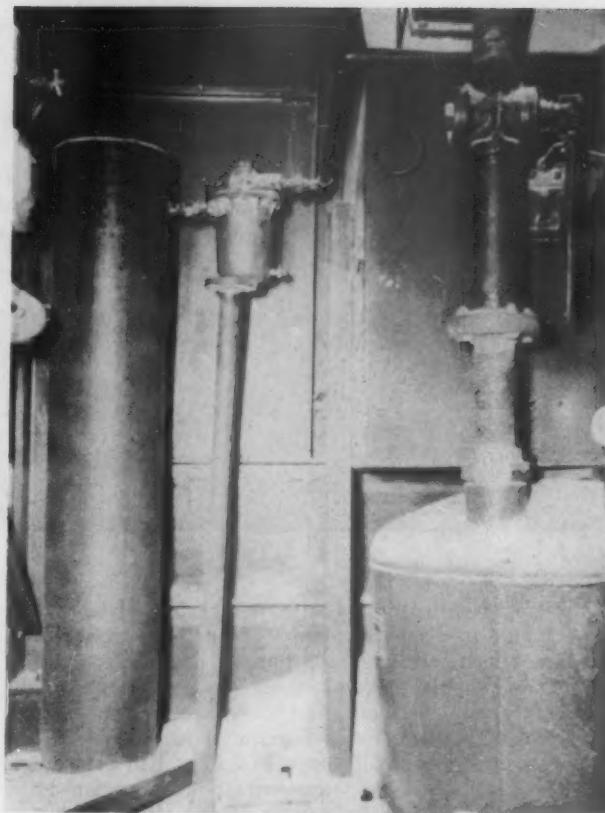
The height of the sand within the tank is shown by electrically operated "bin-indicators" placed at the quarter points inside of the tank, and by color lights on a wall panel of the enclosure. A red light indicates the sand level to be at the low quarter-point or above; a yellow light that it is at the mid-point or above; and a blue light that the tank is full. Another light on the panel (white) shows that the electrical power is on and that, if none of the other lights is illuminated, the sand is below the low quarter-point.

Because of the affinity of sand for water, and to keep as much moisture out of the sand and the pipe lines as possible, a condensation tank and a water trap were installed between the sand-lift drum and the terminal compressed-air supply. Both of these moisture collectors are drained daily.

#### Sands Top or Side Ports

The sanding facility near the Diesel shop consists of a single tank, of 10 cu. yd. capacity, supported on four posts at an overall height of 52 ft. This sand tower can serve Diesel units spotted on either of two tracks. The sand spouts for those locomotives with overhead loading ports are suspended from vertical drop pipes. These spouts, one on each side of the tank, have a pulley and counterweight for holding them at a suitable overhead clearance when not in use.

There are two pairs of sand spouts on this tower for sanding locomotives having side-loading ports. Each of these pairs of spouts is so mounted with a pivoted arrangement that it can be swung into position over either

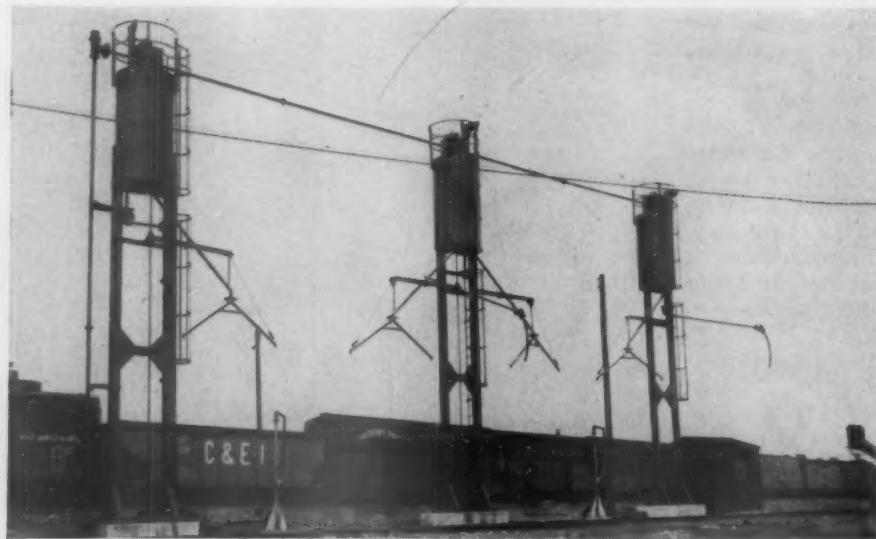


A condensation-removal tank and a moisture trap (left) were installed to collect any moisture that may get into the sand. The sand-lift drum is shown at the lower right

track to fill both sand ports at one end of a single-unit Diesel simultaneously. The two pairs of spouts are spaced 31 ft. apart to permit all side ports of a Diesel to be filled at one spotting. Each of these pairs of spouts is rotated horizontally by means of a hand crank located near ground level. When not in use, the spouts are moved to a neutral position between tracks. The delivery ends



This 10-ton sand tower can serve Diesel units having either overhead or side-loading ports on either of two tracks. The locomotives may also be fueled at this point



The erection of three small sand towers on the hump keeps down their overall height and lowers the overturning factor. Their location on the hump, together with the fueling cranes, permits 24-hr. operation of the two-unit Diesels

of all spouts are equipped with W-M sand valves which are actuated to discharge sand when pressed against the screens of locomotive loading ports.

The sand supply line connecting the tank of this sanding facility with the main sand storage tank consists of a 3-in. pipe. This line has a horizontal length of 375 ft. and a vertical rise at the tower of 54 ft. The horizontal portion was buried underground to pass under four tracks.

It also had to cross a concrete tunnel which carries compressed-air, high- and low-pressure steam, water, and electric power lines. The depth of the tunnel made it impracticable to place the sand pipe line under it, so a shallow trench was cut out of the concrete roof of the tunnel and the sand line was carried over it in a short length of heavy-duty hose. The hose is disconnected at monthly intervals and turned 90 deg. to equalize the inside wear. A signal light on top of the tank near the Diesel shop informs a station operator working in the enclosure of the main storage tank when refilling is required.

Because blown sand has a tendency to compact and move through a pipe in masses instead of by particles, two lump break-up devices, called line boosters, were installed in the long horizontal length of the sand-supply line to the sanding station at the Diesel shop, and another one at the base of the vertical pipe at the tower. All changes in direction of the supply line were made by pipe fittings which produce sand pockets. With this arrangement, the blown sand is turned in direction on other sand particles, thus eliminating any sand-blasting effect on the fittings.

#### Permits 24-Hour Diesel Operation

The sanding and fueling facilities constructed on the hump serve a track located between the leads of the east-bound hump yard and the approach tracks to the west-bound hump yard. The Diesel locomotives to be used in these two hump-retarder yards can thereby be kept in 24-hr. operation without having to leave the hump to replenish sand and fuel supplies.

The sanding facility at this location consists of three 5-cu. yd. tanks, each mounted on a two-post tower. Three tanks were erected, instead of a single tank of larger capacity, to keep down the overall height and to reduce the overturning design factor which would be high for a single tank and tower. The overall height of each of the

three tanks is about 36 ft. above the top of rail of the track served, which means a lift of about 55 ft. from the sand-lift drum at the storage tank.

The sand supply line for these three tanks is about 120 ft. long and is laid underground, following the general slope of the hump embankment and passing under four tracks to the westerly sand tower. Here, the line rises to a baffle box on top of the westerly tank, continuing to baffle boxes on top of the other two tanks. When sand is blown from the sand storage tank, it flows into the westerly tank until it is filled, then flows to the middle tank until refusal, and on to the third tank. When the easterly tank has been filled, that fact is made apparent to a station operator working in the lower enclosure of the main storage tank by a signal light on a nearby pole.

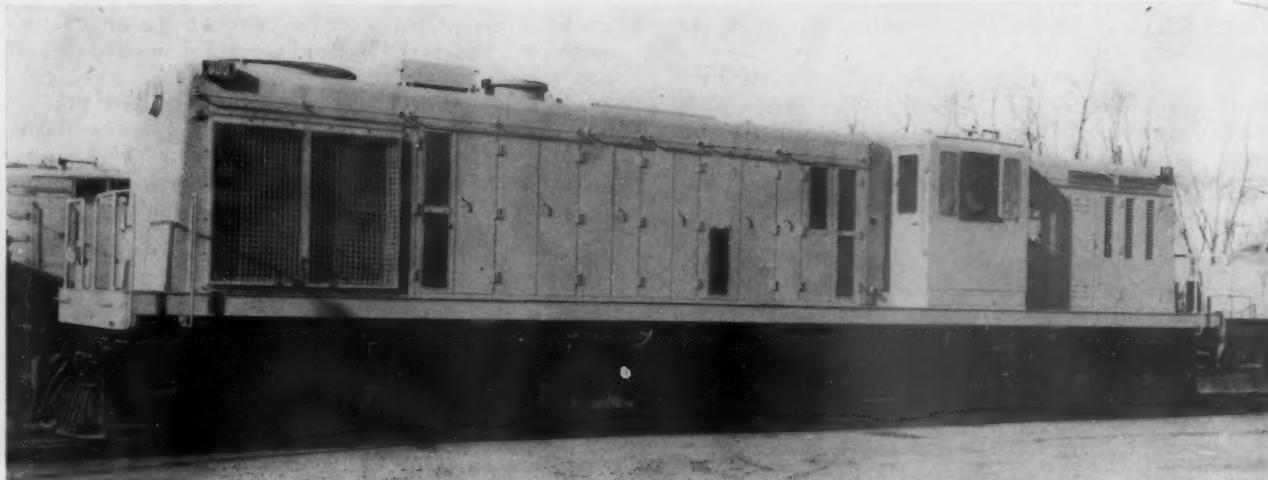
The easterly and westerly tanks each have a single spout for locomotives requiring overhead filling and two spouts, suspended 9 ft. apart, for locomotives requiring side filling. The middle tower has two spouts for overhead filling, and two pairs of spouts for side filling. Hence, all ports of two-unit Diesel locomotives, as well as single-unit locomotives, can be filled at one spotting.

#### Fueling Facilities Provided

Fueling facilities were installed at each sanding location. Those near the Diesel shop include a 300,000-gal steel tank, which is the main fuel storage tank at this terminal, a pumphouse, two fueling cranes and the necessary piping. The fueling facilities for the locomotives assigned to hump service consist of two 10,000-gal. steel tanks buried underground, a pumphouse, two fueling cranes, and the necessary pipe lines. The cranes of each separate facility are located strategically with respect to the sanding spouts so that both operations can be handled with one locomotive spotting.

At each location, an electric push-button switch is provided to start and stop the pumps by remote control. The delivery ends of the hoses are equipped with hand-squeeze valves for positive control of the flow of fuel oil into the locomotive fuel tanks.

All work in connection with the design and installation of these facilities was done under the general direction of V. R. Walling, chief engineer of the railroad, and A. B. Hillman, assistant chief engineer. The sanding and fueling facilities were designed and constructed by the W-M Corporation, Chicago. D. E. Perrine, assistant engineer, was in direct field charge for the railroad.



## Guatemala Now Using 1,200-Hp. Narrow-Gage Diesels

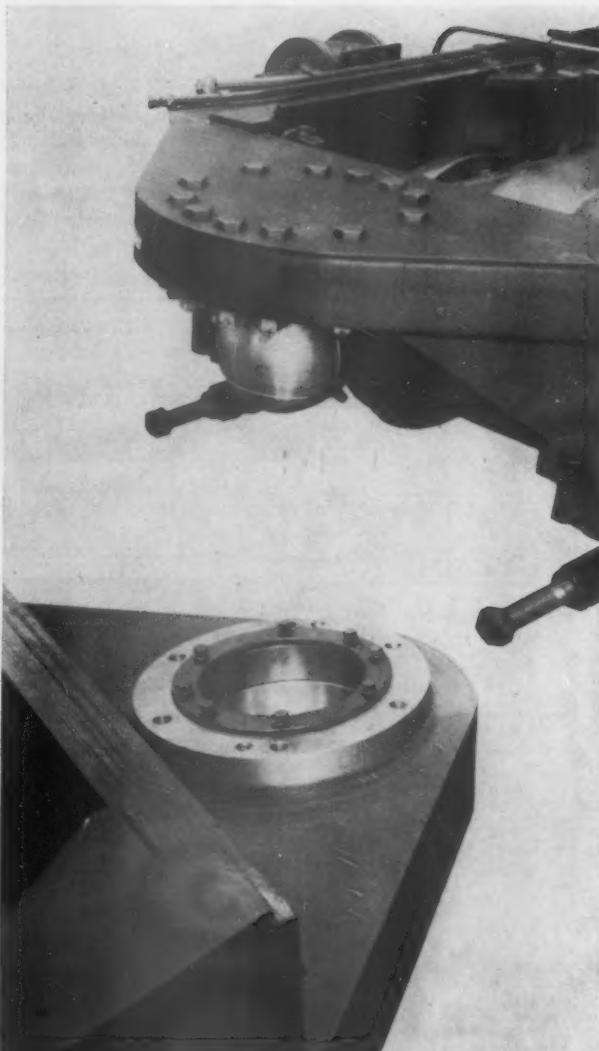
*Locomotives with high horsepower rating  
made possible by odd wheel arrangement  
and longitudinally mounted motors*

By B. S. CAIN and W. R. MITCHELL  
Locomotive Engineering Division  
General Electric Company

Six new Diesel-electric locomotives constructed by General Electric Company are now in service in Guatemala. They were purchased by United Fruit Company's subsidiary Compania Agricola de Guatemala and the transaction was negotiated by the Maritrop Trading Corporation. These locomotives are operated by the International Railways of Central America on their 36-in. gage line. They are utilized for heavy train movements, particularly banana traffic, over the mountainous section of the railroad.

Four of the new 120-ton locomotives are operated in each train, two in multiple at the head end, and two in the center. They handle 40-car trains from Santa Maria to Palin. From there, the head-end locomotives take the train to Guatemala City. The total distance is 52 miles, but the terrain is very difficult. One 15-mile section has an average grade of 3.11 per cent, an average curve of 5 degrees, and eight hairpin turns. Under the maximum condition of a 3.6 per cent grade, combined with 15-deg. curves, the speed will be reduced to approximately 8 m.p.h. The time taken to make this run is about three hours.

The locomotives develop a continuous tractive force of 37,000 lb. each at 9.5 m.p.h.; their maximum speed



Ball-and-socket articulation used between trucks

is 40 m.p.h.; and the maximum tractive force at 30 per cent adhesion is 72,000 lb.

The locomotive designers decided to use the standard 1,500-hp. American Locomotive-General Electric road switcher Diesel-electric power plant. Above the center plates, the locomotives resemble the standard as much as conditions warrant. The arrangement of trucks, however, is entirely different, due to the limitations imposed by the 36-in. gage. Both axle loads and the maximum rigid wheelbase were restricted. The overall height of the locomotive was severely limited, both by the clearance diagram and the necessity of keeping the center of gravity low. The design adopted consists of eight axles, with a load of 30,000 lb. per axle, arranged in two 3-axle trucks and one 2-axle truck, or C+B+C. The trucks are articulated and carry the couplers and draft gear, so that the considerable tractive force at the rather low height of 26 in. is transmitted entirely through the truck frames. The articulated joints are also used to load up the middle truck, which has no center plate or other lading device. This arrangement has the additional advantages that sharp curves can be negotiated freely and that the distribution of load on the axles is not affected by curvatures.

The 36-in. gage traction motor selected for this application has a rated output of approximately 125 hp. Based on 150 hp. of engine output per motor, the eight motors require 1,200-hp. input to the generator for traction.

#### Arrangement of Trucks

Each of the two 3-axle trucks is equipped with a draft gear and coupler at the outer end and an articulation ball joint at the inner end. This ball serves to carry buffering loads and transfer weight to the middle truck. The center (2-axle) truck has a pocket at each end to carry the ball of the end trucks. As there is no center plate on this

truck, all the weight is applied through the articulation assembly. The articulated joints are immersed in oil and sealed against dirt.

The articulated construction of the locomotive running gear assures that all buffering and hauling strain are taken through the truck frames.

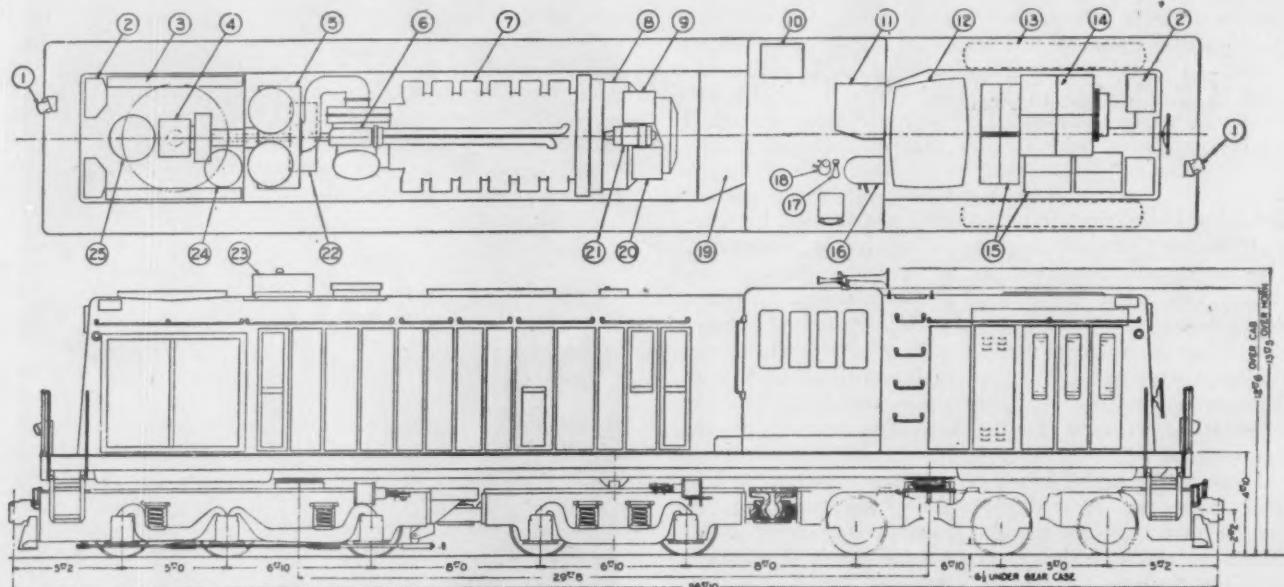
The truck frames are fabricated by welding and the center plates are welded integral with the frames. Safety lugs on each side of each truck prevent separation of the trucks and platform in an emergency. Center plates and pedestals have renewable hard steel liners. The main journals are equipped with roller bearings.

The trucks are individually equalized. The spring rigging consists of carbon-steel coil springs resting on twin drop equalizers. Half of the coil springs on the end trucks are fitted with long-range friction snubbers, but no snubbers are used on the center truck.

Brake cylinders on each side of each truck operate single brake shoes on each wheel through fully equalized brake rigging. The rigging is designed to give a braking power of approximately 60 per cent with 50 lb. per sq. in. brake cylinder pressure. One end truck is fitted with a hand brake to hold the locomotive at standstill.

#### Superstructure

A welded steel platform supports the equipment which is arranged in three main groups: an auxiliary cab containing the fuel tank, dynamic braking resistor and storage batteries; a single-station engineman's cab with insulated roof and sides; and a long engine cab containing the power plant and accessories. The engineman's cab occupies the full width of the platform, while the other cabs are narrower to allow visibility in both directions and to provide side walkways. Restricted clearances required that the hand rails for these walkways be placed on the cab sides. All the space under the plat-



PLAN AND SIDE ELEVATION SHOWING ARRANGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

1. Multiple unit coupler
2. Sand boxes
3. Radiator
4. Compressor and radiator fan drive
5. Oil bath air filter
6. Supercharger
7. Diesel engine
8. Main generator

9. Auxiliary generator
10. Tool box
11. Auxiliary control compartment
12. Fuel tank
13. Air reservoir
14. Braking resistors
15. Battery boxes
16. Controller

17. Foot valve
18. Brake valve
19. Control compartment
20. Exciter
21. Motor-generator set
22. Air compressor
23. Expansion tank
24. Oil cooler
25. Oil filter

Oblique articulation-end view of one of the two three-axle trucks



Side view of the two-axle truck



form is taken up by the trucks and the fuel tank and batteries, which are often placed below the platform, have therefore been located in the auxiliary cab.

Special care has been exercised to provide easy access to equipment for maintenance and inspection. There are numerous doors for this purpose in both the auxiliary and engine cabs. The entire auxiliary cab and the section of the engine cab over the power plant are removable. Additional inspection doors are provided in the roof over the engine. The bad dust conditions under which these locomotives are to operate, necessitated that all air for the engine, air compressor and generator cooling be passed through filters in the side doors or in the roof air intake. The engine air also passes through two cylindrical oil-bath filters connected to the supercharger air-inlet duct. The air passes through a perforated cover, then through an oil-bath and then through a metal wire screen.

#### Equipment

The power plant and its arrangement in the engine cab are nearly identical with that on the standard Alco-G.E. 1,500-hp. road switcher. The engine is a series 244, 950-r.p.m., 12-cylinder, V-type, 9-in. bore by 10½-in. stroke, 4-cycle, supercharged Diesel. It has the usual radiator and engine accessories. Because the temperature never goes below 50 deg. F. there is no freezing problem and the usual radiator shutters have been replaced by a heavy wire screen. A scavenging fuel pump and sump have also been provided to return excess fuel to the fuel tank, which is located above the platform.

General Electric equipment in the power plant includes the main generator, the amplitidyne exciter, the auxiliary generator, a 60-in. fan for radiator cooling, the eddy-current clutch and right-angle gear unit for fan drive and the power plant regulator.

The locomotive has eight General Electric type GE747 d.c., series-wound, self-ventilated traction motors. Each motor drives through a double-reduction gear with a

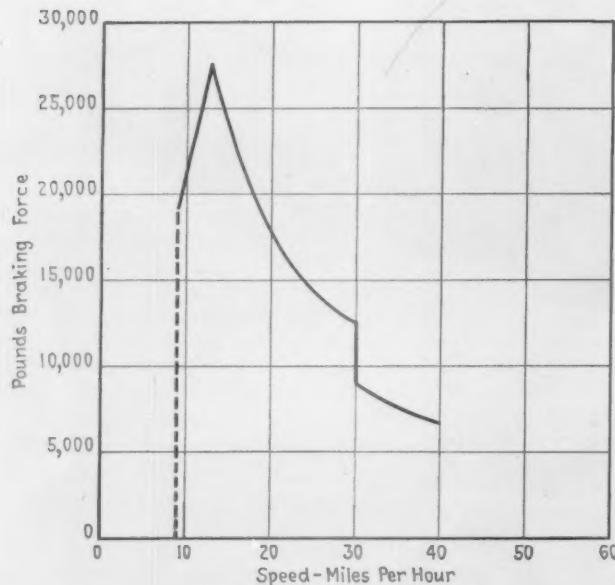
ratio of 11.5 to 1. Vibration is kept at a low level by a right-angle hypoid drive in the high-speed reduction. The low-speed reduction is through spur-type, spring-cushioned gearing. Anti-friction bearings are used throughout except in the axle linings which are of the conventional sleeve type.

#### Operator's Station

The operating station is on the right side of the engineer's cab, facing the auxiliary cab. Located at this station are the throttle lever, reversing lever, brake valve, sander valve, bell and horn controls, window wiper controls, emergency stop button, air gages, speedometer and load meters, and light switches. Adjacent to the operating station, and visible from it, is the auxiliary control panel. This panel contains the engine start switches, the

#### GENERAL INFORMATION 1,200-HP. DIESEL-ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE

Wheel arrangement	C + B + C
Diesel engine horsepower	1,200
<b>MAJOR DIMENSIONS</b>	
Track gage	36 in.
Overall length inside knuckles	56 ft. 10 in.
Height over roof	12 ft. 6 in.
Overall height	13 ft. 5 in.
Width over cab sheets	9 ft.
Overall width	9 ft. 7 in.
Total wheel base	46 ft. 6 in.
Maximum truck wheel base (C-truck)	11 ft. 10 in.
Minimum radius curve	230 ft.
<b>WEIGHT (FULLY LOADED)</b>	
Total locomotive	240,000 lb.
Driving axle	30,000 lb.
<b>TRACTION FORCE AND SPEED</b>	
Starting tractive force (at 30 per cent)	72,000 lb.
Continuous tractive force	37,600 lb.
Maximum speed	40 m.p.h.
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	
Fuel	800 gal.
Lubricating oil	200 gal.
Engine cooling water	250 gal.
Sand	20 cu. ft.



Braking curves for eight G.E. 747 motors with 33-in. wheels and 40 m.p.h. gearing

main control breakers, and gages for lubricating oil, fuel oil, booster air, and water temperature. This arrangement makes the locomotive controls completely independent of the power plant controls, thus avoiding any confusion.

The main and auxiliary control compartments are accessible from the operator's cab. Most of the equipment is located in the main control compartment, but the au-

tomatic field shunting relays and air brake equipment are in the auxiliary compartment.

The locomotive is equipped with single-station, multiple-unit control which permits two locomotives to be coupled in multiple at either end.

A single throttle lever controls locomotive speed by regulating the Diesel engine output. The transition handle has two positions. One is for speeds up to 12 m.p.h.; the other is for all speeds from 0 to 40 m.p.h. The motor fields are automatically shunted at the proper points to give high-speed operation. The motors are permanently connected, two in series, and four pairs in parallel. They may be cut out in pairs by means of a motor cutout switch.

A wheel-slip relay drops the generator current to the first notch current limit, and operates a buzzer when wheel-slip starts. Power is reapplied slowly and the buzzer stops as soon as the wheels stop slipping. A time lag of 2 to 3 seconds in the reapplication of power is used to minimize the possibility of slipping again. Automatic means are provided for idling or stopping the engine in case of low lubricating oil pressure and idling the engine in case of high water temperature.

#### Dynamic Braking

The general scheme of dynamic braking employs the traction motors as generators. Their fields are separately excited to provide control, and a resistor is used to dissipate the power generated. Excitation of the motors during braking is accomplished by connecting all motor fields in series with the propulsion generator. This machine is designed to supply the low-voltage, high-current excitation required by the traction-motor series fields. Braking is controlled by a rheostat in the main generator excitation system. Switching equipment is required in the main power circuits to make up the excitation circuit of the motors and to connect the traction motor armatures to the braking resistors. Additional switching in the control circuits sets up the main-generator excitation and engine-speed control circuits.

To transfer from motoring to braking the engineman simply moves the controller selector handle to the "Off" position and then moves it into the brake position, being careful not to exceed the rated motor current as indicated on the ammeter.

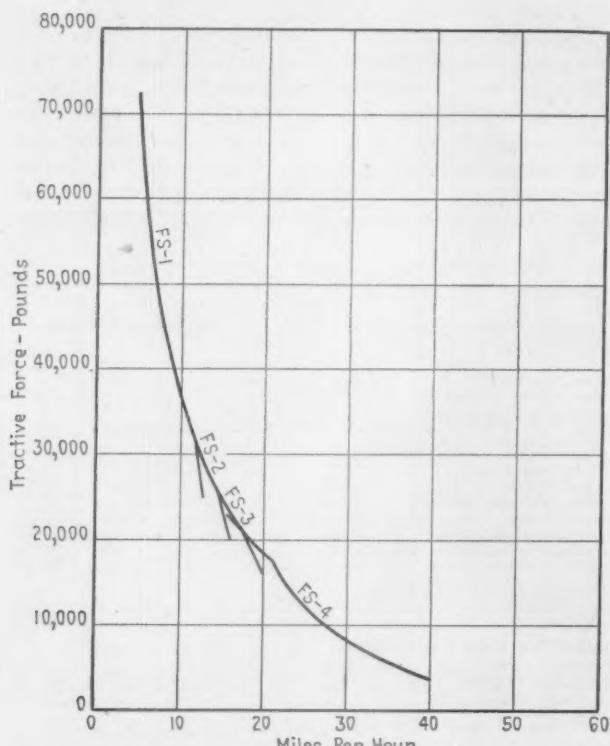
Cooling air for the grids is taken through grills in the side doors, and discharged through a duct out the right side of the auxiliary cab. Approximately 10,000 cu. ft. per min. of air is handled during maximum braking, with a temperature rise of 120 deg. C.

The long, steep mountain grades on which these locomotives will operate are well suited to the use of dynamic braking. The resulting increased speed and safety of downhill train movements is a definite advantage. Decreased time en route between the banana farms and the port will reduce spoilage of the fruit.

#### Air Brakes and Compressors

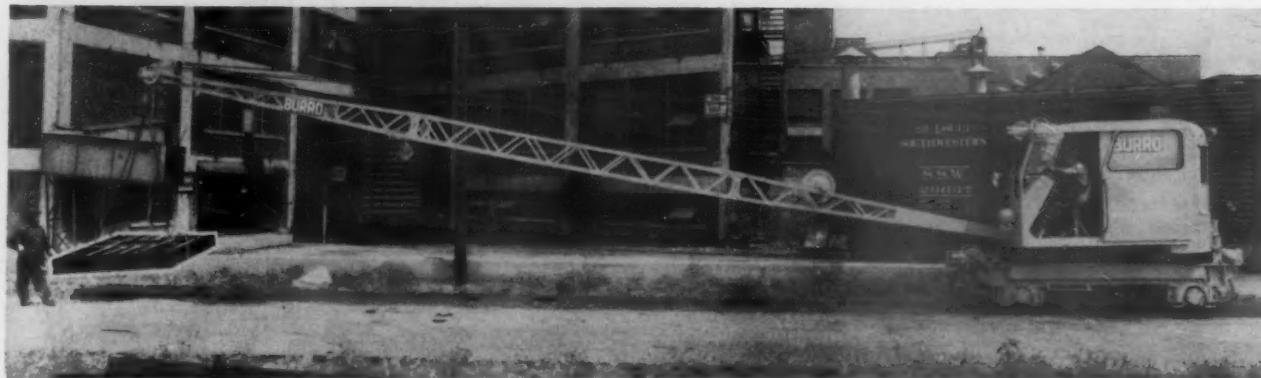
The air brake equipment is Westinghouse's combined independent and automatic, Schedule 14-EL, with one Type K-14 engineer's valve, embodying an automatic train brake valve and an independent locomotive brake valve. The compressor is a Type 3CDB, directly driven from the power plant with a displacement of 250 cu. ft. per min. at 950 r.p.m.

The total capacity of the main air reservoirs is approximately 1,040 liters (63,600 cu. in.). The reservoirs are located underneath the platform at the sides, where they are accessible.



Speed-tractive force curve for the locomotive based on 1,200-hp. input to the generator for traction—The gear ratio is 11.5:1 and the wheel diameter 33 in.

## New and Improved Products of the Manufacturers



### NEW BURRO CRANE FEATURES LONG BOOM

A new Burro crane—the Model 40—has been announced by the Cullen-Friestedt Company, Chicago. The new model has a capacity of 12 tons and can be equipped with a 55-ft. or 60-ft. boom. Hence, it is reported to be particularly applicable for laying 78-ft. rails.

### COMPOSITE STEEL AND WOOD CAR FLOORING

A type of freight car flooring has been developed by Armco Steel Corporation, Middletown, Ohio, in which both steel and wood are used to afford greater strength and longer life in boxcars, gondolas and flat cars.

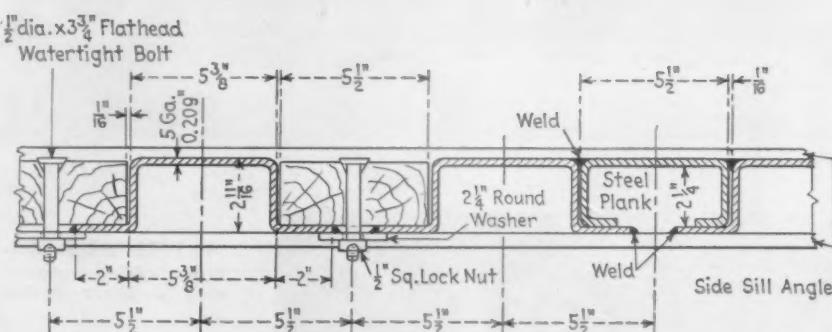
Hat-shaped steel ribs, placed across the width of the car and welded to the center sill, stringers, and side-sill angles, alternate with wood planks bolted to the rib flanges. The top surfaces of the hat sections form part of the floor. Since they extend slightly above the wood planks, they support most of the load and take the wear and tear of rough service. Steel planks, tack-welded to the ribs, are used where it is impossible to bolt wood planking. The manufacturer estimates that the overall cost of the Armco freight-car flooring, including first cost and replacement, will be approximately 45 to 50 per cent less than conventional wood flooring.

The combination wood and steel floor has the advantages of both steel and wood flooring. Bulk lading can be mechanically unloaded without damaging the flooring; packaged lading rests on the steel ribs, while bracing can be nailed to the wood planks.

Especially important is the greater strength of the new flooring compared with either steel plate or wood plank.



The Armco composite steel and wood floor



Cross section of a typical Armco floor for a gondola car. Wood planks are bolted to the rib flanges. Formed steel planks are used over bolsters or cross bearers if it is impossible to secure wood planks by bolting

It will not sag under concentrated loads as do steel plates and, unlike wood flooring, will not break under the heavy loads imposed by lift trucks and palletized lading. Modern mechanical loading systems may exert wheel loads up to 10,000 lb. This exceeds the limits

of wood flooring and break-throughs are frequent.

Comparison of the load-carrying capacity of a single steel rib with a wooden plank shows the decided advantage of the new design. Replacing a 1 3/4-in. by 5 1/2-in. box-car floor plank,

a steel rib of 0.135-in. hot rolled steel has a design strength 3½ times that of the plank. Ribs 0.209 in. thick, recommended for gondola car floors, are 4½ times the design strength of the 2½-in. by 5½-in. wood plank normally used. These data, of course, apply directly only to concentrated loads, the most critical in freight-car service. When a concentrated load is placed on a wood plank component, it is transferred to the steel ribs by the supporting rib flanges. Since the steel ribs extend above the alternate wood planks, the steel surface takes most of the wear. Consequently, abrasion and splintering of the wood by lift trucks, unloading devices and lading is reduced.

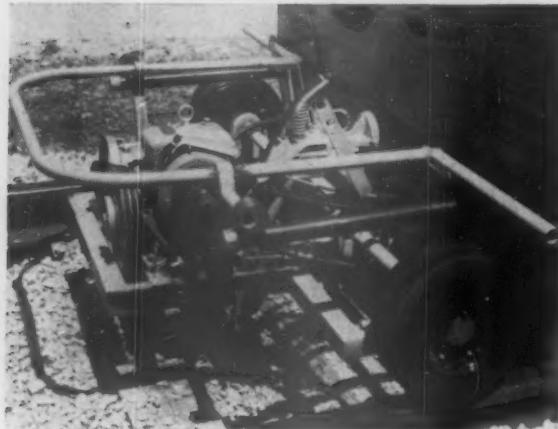
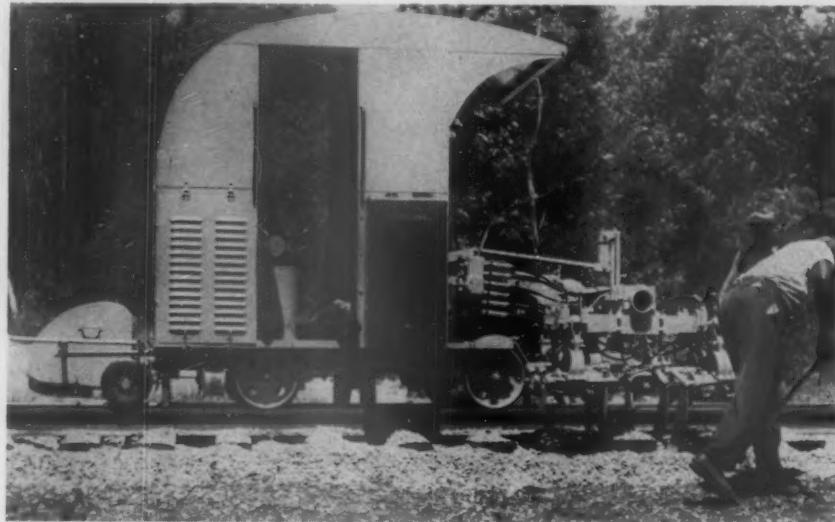
### POWER PUSHER FOR MULTIPLE TAMPER

A power pusher for the Jackson Multiple Tamper, which relieves the operator of this tamping machine of all manual effort in moving the unit from tie to tie during tamping operation, has been developed by the Electric Tamper & Equipment Co., Ludington,

Mich. The device is reported to be particularly useful when working on steep grades, around sharp curves or in the face of strong head winds.

The pusher consists essentially of two retractable, rubber-tired, dual wheels with an axle between them, chain-driven by an electric motor which receives its power from the Multiple Tamper generator. The pusher assembly is coupled closely behind the tamping machine and is controlled by the operator through a hand lever located close to the control valve which raises and lowers the tamping blades. When the operator moves this lever the two wheels of the pusher drop down to engage the rails and thus provide pushing effort. An operator can learn quickly how long to keep the wheels down in moving from tie to tie.

The device can be quickly disengaged from the tamping machine and lifted from the track by three or four men. It can be reattached as quickly. If it is necessary for any reason to use the manually operated hand wheel for moving from tie to tie, the power pusher in no way interferes with it. The device may be applied to any Multiple Tamper now in the field as well as to the latest model.



The 1950 Jackson Multiple Tamper equipped with a power pusher

The power pusher assembly



### RECORDER FOR LOCOMOTIVES

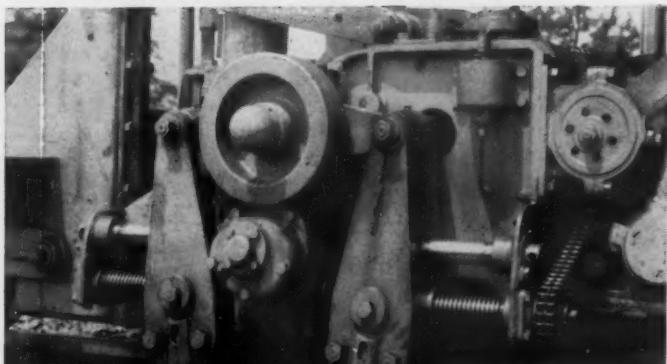
A switch-engine recorder distributed by the Barco Manufacturing Company, Chicago 40, has a chart which serves as a permanent graphic record, an illuminated speedometer, a clock, and a mileage indicator, all visible to the engineer and automatically operated. It records four things — locomotive speed in miles per hour, distance traveled, time the locomotive is in motion and time the locomotive is idle. The recorder is adaptable to all types of switching locomotives, both steam and Diesel, and can readily be applied to any locomotive without major alterations.

The hinged door of the recorder contains a hand-wound clock with a 30-hour movement specially designed to withstand engine vibration. This door, when unlocked, gives access to the chart and permits winding and setting the clock. The mileage indicator reading is entered on the chart at the start of the trip. The chart is then slipped under the time pointer and clamped with the chart spring. Opening and closing the door cuts the edge of the chart, marking the beginning and end of the trip.

The chart, made of red paper, is coated with a white opaque wax and imprinted with appropriate lines. Both the dial and chart are calibrated from 0 to 70 m.p.h.

The driving mechanism is available in both friction-drive and axle-drive models. The friction drive is recommended where it can be applied without interference. It consists of a drive wheel mounted in a casting connected to a plate by a hinged arm.

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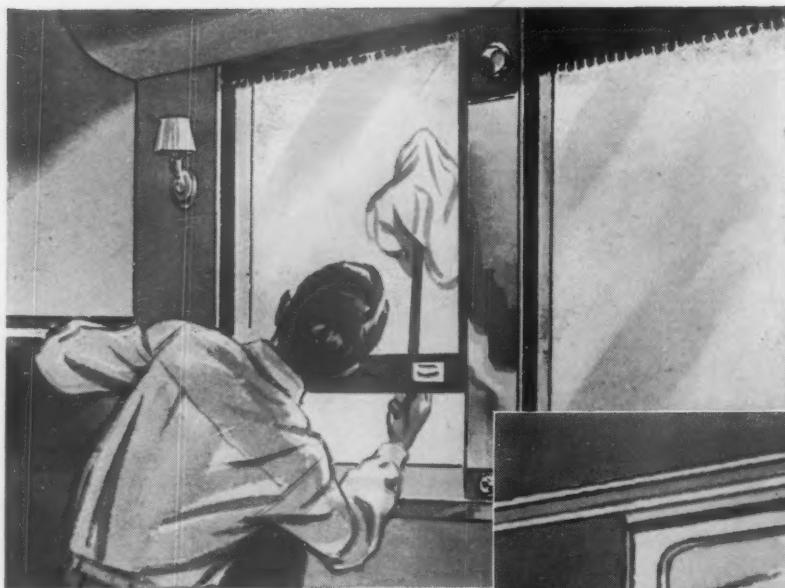
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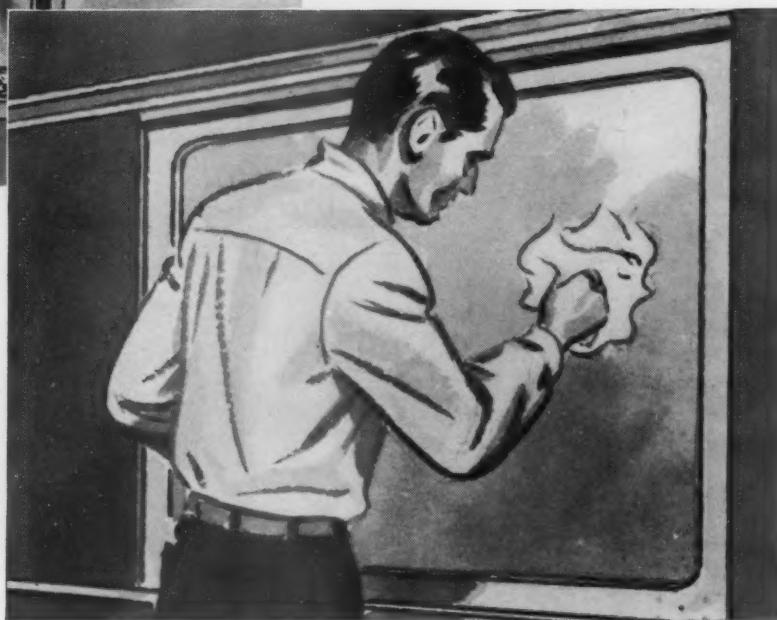
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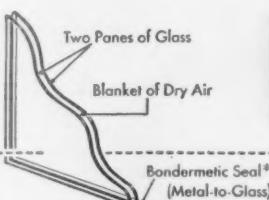
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# Transport Controls Go to I.C.C.'s Knudson

**Johnson steps aside to make way for younger colleague—Commerce department is given authority over steel allocations—Symington to act as coordinator**

James K. Knudson, youngest member of the Interstate Commerce Commission in age and length of service, will administer those provisions of the recently enacted Defense Production Act which authorize establishment of priorities and allocations with respect to domestic rail, highway, and inland-waterway transportation. President Truman, in a September 9 executive order, delegated the authority involved to "that commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission who is responsible for the supervision of the Bureau of Service of the commission;" and Mr. Knudson became that commissioner by designation of the commission when Commission Chairman J. Monroe Johnson relinquished the assignment on September 11.

I.C.C. Secretary W. P. Bartel announced the change in a "memorandum to the press" issued at 4 p.m. September 11. "At his own request," the memorandum said, "Chairman Johnson has today been relieved of supervision of the Bureau of Service of the commission and, upon motion of Chairman Johnson, Commissioner Knudson was placed in charge of supervision of the Bureau of Service and will therefore function under section 101(e) of the executive order issued by the President on September 9, 1950."

## **Job Calls for "Younger Man"**

After the announcement was made, Chairman Johnson, who was director of the Office of Defense Transportation during World War II, received representatives of the press to explain that he had stepped aside because of his feeling that the job calls for a younger man. The colonel is in his 73rd year. Mr. Knudson, who has been a commissioner since April 20, is 44 years of age.

Colonel Johnson will remain on the commission, and will continue to serve on its Division 3 which handles service matters. Thus he will be available, as he put it, "to assist to the limit of my ability" in the work Commissioner Knudson is undertaking. But, the colonel added, Mr. Knudson "is going to be boss, and I will have none of the responsibility and none of his glory."

Earlier in the interview, the I.C.C. chairman had said that "this thing is going to be a heavy responsibility," and that the country needs a man "that's going to go through with it." He added: "You couldn't expect me to last 10 years . . . I've done my job."

In the latter connection, the colonel emphasized that it was not a matter of his not wanting to do the job, but he thought he acted for the good of the country in giving way to one who would be around to see the job through. He recalled that he had been saying "for two years or so" that he would not take on another war-

time job like the O.D.T. directorship, but "apparently nobody took me seriously."

As to the commission's action in designating Mr. Knudson, the colonel said that his sponsorship of the designee was "well understood" by other members of the commission, and that the matter was "pleasantly discussed" during the commission conference at which the action was taken by "unanimous" vote. The conference was held on the afternoon of September 11.

Reminiscing about his service as director of O.D.T., Colonel Johnson said he "wouldn't take anything for that experience." He added that he had a "great time" in that job, enjoying "every thrill-a-minute of it."

Mr. Knudson was appointed to the commission as successor to the late Carroll Miller for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 1953. At the time of his appointment he was an attorney on the staff of the Department of Agriculture which he had represented in several rate cases and other proceedings before the commission. Shortly after he became a member of the commission he was assigned to Division 3, of which Chairman Johnson and Commissioner William J. Patterson are the other two members.

The executive order delegating the priorities and allocations authority, which Commissioner Knudson got with respect to rail, highway, and inland-waterway transportation, was issued by President Truman on September 9 to launch the controls setup authorized by the Defense Production Act. On that evening the President delivered a radio address explaining his controls program and his anti-inflation plans which contemplate tax increases beyond those proposed in legislation now pending in Congress. Mr. Truman had signed the Defense Production Act on September 8.

## **Sawyer Gets Steel Allocations**

The executive order delegated authority to establish priorities and allocations with respect to air transport and coastwise, intercoastal, and foreign shipping to the secretary of commerce, Charles Sawyer, who also got like authority with respect to such materials as steel for freight-car building. To the secretary of the interior, Oscar L. Chapman, went like authority over electric power, solid fuels, petroleum, and gas, including pipe lines for transportation of petroleum and gas. Like authority with respect to food and domestic distribution of farm equipment and commercial fertilizer went to the secretary of agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

Meanwhile, the delegating order made the chairman of the National Security Resources Board, W. Stuart Symington, the coordinator of the delegated authorities. Among other duties specified in the order, Mr. Symington will "resolve interagency issues which otherwise would require the attention of the President," and "prescribe policy and program directives having the approval of the President."

The order also stipulated that each of those to whom priority and allocation powers were delegated will be "a claimant before the other such delegates" for materials and facilities required to carry out his functions. Thus Commissioner Knudson will be a claimant before the secretary of commerce for steel for freight cars;

and he would be a claimant before the secretary of the interior for fuel, if rail, highway, or inland-waterway carriers encountered fuel shortages.

#### **Scope of Knudson's Authority**

As set out in the order, Commissioner Knudson's authority covers "domestic transportation, storage, and port facilities, or the use thereof, but excluding air transport, coastwise, intercoastal, and overseas shipping." The order's definition of "domestic transportation, storage, and port facilities" said that "the term . . . shall include locomotives, cars, motor vehicles, watercraft used on inland waterways, in harbors, and on the Great Lakes, and other vehicles, vessels, and all instrumentalities of shipment or carriage, irrespective of ownership, and all services in or in connection with the carriage of persons or property in intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce, within the United States, except movement of petroleum and gas by pipe line; and warehouses, piers, docks, wharves, loading and unloading equipment, and all other structures and facilities used in connection with the transshipment of persons and property between domestic carriers and carriers engaged in coastwise, intercoastal, and overseas transportation."

The secretary of the interior got authority over the transportation of oil and gas by pipe line because the order's definitions of "gas" and "petroleum" stipulated that the terms included "pipe lines for the movement thereof." Pipe lines had not been mentioned in the order's delegating provisions. The secretary of commerce got authority over air transport and intercoastal, coastwise, and ocean shipping, and over scarce materials generally, because the order stipulated that he would have priority and allocation powers over "all materials and facilities," except those assigned to the secretaries of interior and agriculture and the I.C.C. member who supervises the Bureau of Service.

Secretary Sawyer followed through promptly to set up arrangements for allocating materials in short supply. On September 11 he announced the establishment within the Department of Commerce of a National Production Authority, headed by William Henry Harrison, who has been president of International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

The Defense Production Act's grant of priorities and allocations authority is contained in provisions which stipulate that the President is authorized "to allocate materials and facilities in such manner and under such conditions, and to such extent as he shall deem necessary or appropriate to promote the national defense." Among other powers which the President got in the act are those which authorize him to establish price and wage controls.

#### **Rates Exempt from Price Control**

As to price controls, rates of common carriers are exempt under a provision which requires, however, that the President or control agency be given notice of proposed changes and an opportunity to make presentations with respect to them before regulatory bodies. The provision, like that under which the Office of Price Administration intervened in rate cases during World War II, reads as follows:

"That no common carrier or other public utility shall at any time after the President shall have issued any stabilization regulations and orders under subsection (b) make any increase in its charges for property or services sold by it for resale to the public, for which

application is filed after the date of issuance of such stabilization regulations and orders, before the federal, state or municipal authority having jurisdiction to consider such increase, unless it first gives 30 days' notice to the President, or such agency as he may designate, and consents to the timely intervention by such agency before the federal, state or municipal authority having jurisdiction to consider such increase."

As to price and wage ceilings, the President announced in his radio address that they would not be imposed at this time. At the same time he warned that "we will impose ceilings vigorously and promptly when the situation calls for them." And his executive order created an Economic Stabilization Agency which will "seek to preserve and maintain the stabilization of the economy," but which will have power to "establish price ceilings and stabilize wages and salaries where necessary."

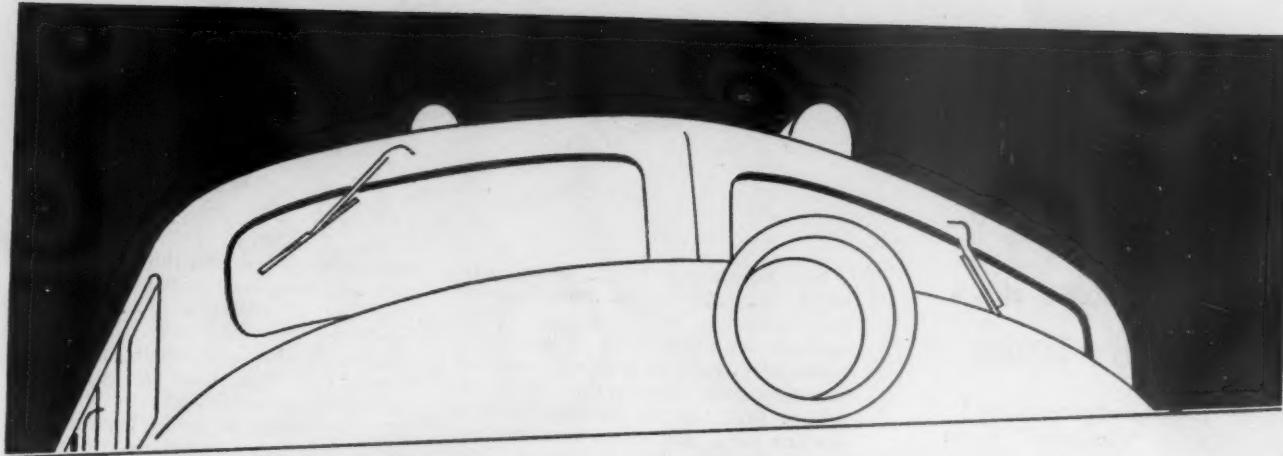
Another executive order required business generally to preserve all records of prices charged and costs incurred during the period from May 24 to June 24, inclusive. The order did not apply to a number of prices which are exempt from the controls legislation, including "rates charged by any common carrier or other public utility."

Among other provisions of the Defense Production Act are those which authorize the President to prevent inventory hoarding, and to requisition materials and supplies needed for the defense program. Also, there are provisions authorizing the government to aid in the financing of defense-plant facilities, and to control the extension of credit. Voluntary agreements to promote the defense program are authorized, and parties participating in them will be immune from prosecution under the antitrust laws.

In that part of his radio address which discussed taxes, the President said the nation should pay for the Korean war and the augmented defense program "as we go, out of taxes." The \$5-billion-tax-increase bill which Congress is now considering at his request "is only the first installment," Mr. Truman continued, adding: "I believe the Congress should enact further tax legislation as soon as possible. Among other things, this should include a just and fair excess-profits tax, which will recapture excess profits made since the start of the Communist aggression in Korea."

A short time later Commissioner Knudson also received members of the press and told them his first efforts would be toward relieving current freight car shortages. He said discussions are being held with various advisory groups on whether to set up immediately a separate defense transportation agency, or whether for the present the job should be handled through existing I.C.C. facilities. In any case, he said, he will continue to work closely with both the I.C.C. and other agencies in the interest of economy and efficiency. He also indicated that plans for a separate agency will be drawn up, so that if the need develops, it can be set up as a separate organization.

In discussing the freight car situation, Mr. Knudson said one "immediate objective" is to increase the car supply, and he added that there is need for 150,000 more freight cars "as fast as we can build them." He also referred to the commission's plans to issue on the following day the service orders increasing demurrage charges, prescribing railroad operating rules, and restricting the use of trap cars, which are outlined elsewhere in this issue. As to "heavy-loading" orders, Mr. Knudson did not expect any to be issued in the immediate future.



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## GENERAL NEWS

### Emergency Board Raps Brotherhood's Tactics

#### Finds emergency-creating practice in "flagrant" form

Reporting on its investigation of a dispute involving grievance cases on the New York Central's lines east of Buffalo, N. Y., an emergency board has told President Truman that the "growing practice of creating an emergency in order to bring about the appointment of an emergency board in the hope that it will make favorable recommendations concerning contentions about grievances, with no binding effect if the reverse recommendation should be made, has . . . in the instant case . . . reached a flagrant form."

The emergency board, which reported to the President on September 13, was appointed August 4 to investigate a dispute between the N.Y.C. and four railroad operating brotherhoods—the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, Order of Railway Conductors, and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. In its report the board condemned the unions for what it called "an effort to extort the payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars based merely on grand lodge officers' own conclusions that their interpretation of awards must be accepted without question."

The principal issue in the case was a disagreement over interpretation of awards of the National Railroad Adjustment Board. There were also a number of other grievances, approximately 90 of which the board found to be "within the peculiar cognizance of the . . . Adjustment Board." Also included in the dispute were demands for rule changes, and for a large number of improvements in facilities used by employees. In connection with the latter demands, the emergency board said they appeared to have been incorporated into the dispute "as makeweight to the demands concerning grievances in order to justify the creation of an emergency."

Members of the emergency board were Chairman Frank M. Swacker, Paul G. Jasper and Wayne Quinlan. The board recommended that the grievance disputes be submitted to the Adjustment Board, or a special adjustment board, or an arbitration board; and in respect to the other disputes the board found that "all reasonable steps to satisfy those which we believe to be reasonable are being taken."

The Adjustment Board award over which disagreement first arose involved yard operations at the N.Y.C.'s Weehawken terminal yard. Road train crews were required to set off some of the cars from their trains at North Bergen yard and the balance in Weehawken yard, all within the terminal limits. Claim was made for a yard day for each member of such road crews, and the Adjustment Board sustained this contention. According to the report, the road began to pay these claims, but the B.R.T. general chairman handling the matter insisted there were numerous additional claims.

The grand lodge officers of the four train service organizations were called in, and the claims expanded to where the unions insisted that all employees who had performed the work in question were entitled to an award, whether they filed claims or not; that when the whole train was left at North Bergen yard excepting the caboose an award was applicable; that the road crews were entitled to not one but two days' pay in addition to their road pay on the theory that they performed yard service at two yards; and that, furthermore, yardmen should be paid for each transaction on the basis that they should have performed the work.

In view of these demands, the board said, the road asked the unions to join in seeking an interpretation from the Adjustment Board. The unions declined however, saying the "issue of principle" had already been subject to the Adjustment Board's ruling. The road then obtained from the Adjustment Board an ex parte interpretation upholding some of its contentions.

Discussing the unions' attitude with respect to the above situation, the emergency board said the action of the grand lodge officers "in supposed conformity with this policy involves their constituting themselves claimant, judge and jury to determine the issue of whether or not the award covers either directly or in principle the claims here involved." The board then concluded that "the carrier is certainly entitled to a day in court" on the issues.

It was during this initial controversy that interpretation and application of other Adjustment Board awards was questioned by the Conductors, Firemen & Enginemen, and Engineers. The emergency board concluded that these combined grievances were "primarily responsible" for the strike ballot that was circulated, and at the same time they were matters which should be settled through the Adjustment Board.

As to the various "makeweight" demands which were included in the strike ballot of the brotherhoods, the

emergency board said the most important of these was a request for the abolition of all rules providing time limits on the filing and handling of claims. In this connection, the board found that "the time is long since passed when there was any justification for failure to bring forward any old claims," and added that it would be a "most grievous backward step to terminate the time limitations agreements" now in effect.

### B. R. T.-O. R. C. Case Still in Impasse

#### "No-progress" meetings go on; statements point up deadlock

Members of the National Mediation Board continued during the past week to hold meetings with representatives of management and the involved unions on the wage and rules dispute arising out of demands of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors. As of September 13, the report of "no progress" was still coming out of the meetings.

The present series of meetings got under way September 6 when the parties came together for the first time since August 23, the day on which the B.R.T. and O.R.C. issued the strike call that prompted President Truman to seize the railroads for operation by the secretary of the army. (See *Railway Age* of August 26, page 43, and September 2, page 71.) Although he has been unable to attend all recent meetings, Dr. John R. Steelman, assistant to President Truman, is still functioning as principal mediator in the case.

It was on the basis of a proposal made by Dr. Steelman and rejected by the B.R.T. and O.R.C. that the Switchmen's Union of North America settled its case which, like that of the B.R.T. and O.R.C., involved principally a demand for a five-day, 40-hr. week for yardmen with no loss in the take-home pay which those employees have been receiving for a six-day, 48-hr. week. (See *Railway Age* of September 9, page 68.) As this issue went to press, it was reported in Washington that D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, which also has 40-hr.-week demands pending, would confer with Dr. Steelman during the latter part of this week.

Meanwhile, the impasse in the

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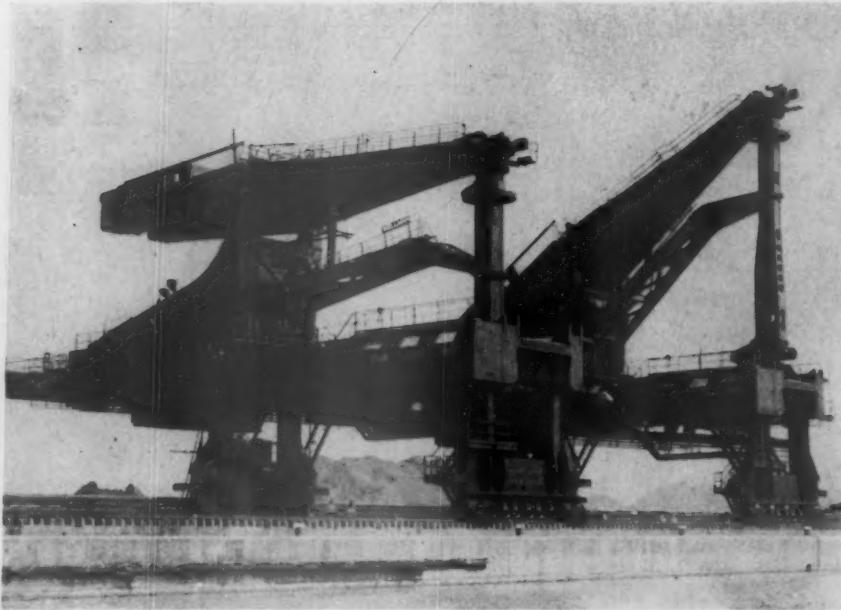
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B.R.T.-O.R.C. case was pointed up by a statement issued September 7 by Presidents W. P. Kennedy and R. O. Hughes of those unions, and the reply made the following day by L. W. Horning, D. P. Loomis, and C. D. Mackay, chairmen, respectively, of the eastern, western, and southeastern conference committees which represent railroad management. The Kennedy-Hughes statement summarized a letter which those labor leaders had written to Messrs. Horning, Loomis and Mackay to advise that "any satisfactory settlement of the rules issue must be based upon the principle that yard service employees receive 48 hours' pay for 40 hours' work" and that the settlement should be effective October 1 or retroactive to that date if reached thereafter.

The Steelman proposal which settled the Switchmen's case provides for a wage increase of 23 cents per hour, effective October 1, and quarterly cost-of-living adjustments and adoption in principle of the five-day, 40-hr. week but deferment of its installation. Also, there were other adjustments based on the emergency-board report which the B.R.T. and O.R.C. rejected. As to these other adjustments, the Kennedy-Hughes statement said their unions wanted them, too, effective as of July 1, "as recommended in the report."

As their reply to the statement, Messrs. Horning, Loomis and Mackay made public a letter they had written to Messrs. Hughes and Kennedy. In it they told the union leaders that "your ultimatum as to the provisions you state must be contained in any settlement, and among which you now include the principle of retroactivity,

is not acceptable to the carriers and is hereby rejected."

The letter, as it said, also confirmed the "repeated statements of the management representatives that the railroads are and have been agreeable to accepting the recommendations of the President's emergency board." It also confirmed statements that the carriers have been willing to accept the Steelman proposal. This is evidenced by the settlement on that basis with the Switchmen's Union, the letter added. It went on to say that Messrs. Kennedy and Hughes had accused the carriers "of failing to negotiate . . . in good faith."

"This," the letter continued, "we emphatically deny and point out that your arbitrary stand that your demands be granted in full and your refusal to accept either the recommendations of the President's emergency board or the proposal of the government, places upon you the entire responsibility for failure to reach a settlement through collective bargaining."

"Your demands for 48 hours' pay for 40 hours worked for yard service employees are not justified under any theory you have advanced. You have argued that such had been the practice in outside industry. This was completely disproved in the hearings before the President's emergency board and by the report of that board. The President of the United States would produce for yard service employees represented by you rates at least as high as they would receive if given wage treatment exactly the same as that given the non-operating employees. Thus there is no merit in the argu-

ments advanced by you in support of your demand. . . .

"Your letter of September 6 merely reiterates demands made by you at the first conference between us after publication of the report of the President's emergency board. You apparently desire to accept such portions of the board's report as happen to suit you and reject the balance."

## Tie Men Hold Annual Meeting

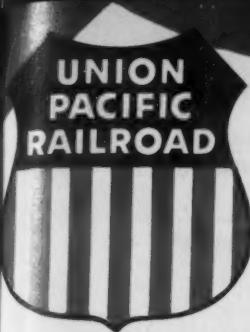
**Producers and consumers discuss mutual problems**

The Railway Tie Association held its 32nd annual meeting at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Ky., August 28-30. The attendance totaled approximately 325 members and guests, of whom 99 were railroad men.

Features of the three-day meeting of particular interest to railroad men were addresses by Wayne A. Johnston, president, Illinois Central, on "Partners in the Railroad Industry"; by C. H. Blackman, chief engineer, Louisville & Nashville, on "One Hundred Years of Ties on the L&N"; by Clarence S. Burt, assistant to vice-president, purchases and stores, I.C., on "The Last 50 Years and the Next in the Crosstie Industry"; by G. M. Magee, research engineer, engineering division, Association of American Railroads, on "What the A.A.R. Is Doing to Extend Service Life of Ties"; by W. E. Tiller, president, Tiller Tie & Lumber Co., on "As A Tie Man Sees the Next 12 months"; and by Paul D. Brentlinger, forester, Pennsylvania, on "Stacking Crossties for Seasoning."

Reports of particular interest to users of crossties were those of the committees on Checking and Splitting of Crossties, of which J. A. Vaughan, Southern Wood Preserving Company, was chairman; on Mechanical Handling of Crossties, of which John Wright, Koppers Company, was chairman; and on Timber Conservation, of which D. B. Mabry, of the T. J. Moss Tie Company, was chairman.

In the election of officers, W. P. Arnold, executive assistant to the vice-president and general manager of the Wood Preserving division, Koppers Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., was advanced from first vice-president to president; J. R. Keig, Kirby Lumber Corporation, Beaumont, Tex., was advanced from second vice-president to first vice-president, and W. J. Chambliss, Bond Bros., Louisville, was elected second vice-president. Elected to the executive committee were Harry Dunstan, Southern Wood Preserving Company, Atlanta, Ga.; Fred McWhinney, Gillis & Co., Chicago; J. E. Peterson, Gross & Janes Co., St. Louis, Mo.; M. S. Hudson, Taylor-Colquitt Company, Spartanburg, S. C.; and



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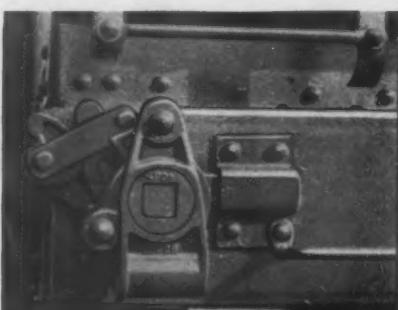
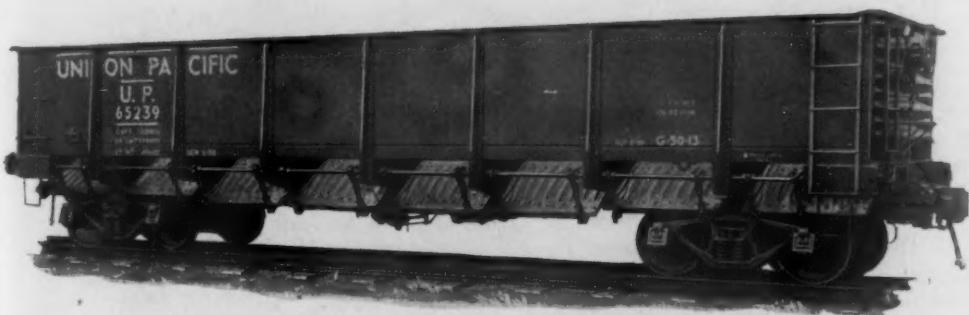
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E. W. Jones, T. J. Moss Tie Company, St. Louis. Roy M. Edmonds was re-elected secretary-treasurer by the executive committee.

#### Partners with Railroads

In his address Mr. Johnston explained that he had first intended to discuss the mutual progress being made by the railroads and tie producers "back toward the tie standards we had before World War II," but actually his remarks were very much concerned with the service that the tie producers can render the railroads during times of emergency, such as that which has now developed. "The service given by a railway tie," he said, "will be particularly important during a period when men are leaving our industries and our railroads to go into uniform. You all know what manpower requirements were during the last war. The Illinois Central had more than 10,000 employees in the armed services, and we had no trackmen to spare. Obviously, the fewer renewals, the less drain upon our manpower. You men in the tie industry are partners with us in the railroad industry. It is in this spirit of partnership and working together that I ask you to do everything in your power to help us meet every demand made upon the railroad industry."

#### Discusses Future Requirements

Mr. Blackman's address was, in effect, the history of the growth and development of the L&N., especially as regards the evolution of its track construction. He pointed out that a chart was available showing that a life of 8 to 9 years was obtained from untreated white oak ties, of 30 years for untreated cypress ties, and up to 50 years for heart yellow pine, when not subjected to destruction by heavy traffic. However, he pointed out that cypress and heart yellow pine are no longer available and, if available, would be destroyed by the present heavy traffic. He said that the railroad is now realizing a life of about 23 years from its creosoted red oak and black gum ties, and he expects that, as more track is laid with heavy rail and large tie plates, the average life of ties should be increased to about 30 years.

Discussing future purchases of crossties by the L&N., Mr. Blackman said that these would depend on various factors including business conditions and the steps that railroad managements take to meet the competition of other forms of transportation. Assuming present business conditions and a continuing aggressive management he expects that tie purchases by his road in 1950 will total 770,500 ties, and that these purchases will decline progressively to a total of 710,200 ties in 1954.

The first part of Mr. Burt's address was also largely of an historical nature. Following the progress of the last 50 years, he said, "we now find ourselves with a well-manufactured



W. P. Arnold  
President-Elect  
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and properly-treated crosstie—one from which we expect a service life of 20 to 25 years. But that is definitely not enough. We are still far from being satisfied with our product. There is an old railroad saying—"When you feel well pleased with yourself—sand the track, fellow—you're slipping."

According to Mr. Burt, the opinion of many leading railroad engineers is that the number one problem facing railroad maintenance men in the United States today is extension of the service life of crossties. He then submitted a list of practices designed to help achieve this end. These are: (1) More general use of American Railway Engineering Association specifications; (2) uniformity of inspection; (3) standardization of pre-boring, reducing to a minimum the number of hole combinations; (4) extension of the use of heavier rail; (5) increased use of welded rail; (6) larger and improved tie plates and anchor spikes; (7) wider use of tie pads; (8) extended use of anti-splitting devices; (9) improved fasteners to take the place of the cut spikes; (10) coated ties to reduce absorption of water and subsequent decay; (11) more and better ballast, cleaner and better drained; (12) more stable roadbed; (13) more test sections of crossties; (14) larger ties for main-line track; (15) improved seasoning practices; (16) better treatment methods—including heavier retentions of preservatives; and (17) speeding up the movement of ties from the woods to treating plants.

#### Research Program Described

Discussing the various major research projects now under way with the objective of finding ways to extend the service life of crossties, Mr. Magee pointed out that present methods of treating ties will protect them from decay rather satisfactorily, at least to the extent that a much longer life could be obtained from ties now being used if they could be adequately protected against abrasion from tie plates. Another serious factor in short-

ening tie life, he said, particularly in treated new ties, is splitting and checking.

Mr. Magee said that the A.A.R.'s research program is divided into several phases, including field and service tests being carried out on various railroads with the aid of the association's research staff and equipment. It also includes a joint crosstie research project with the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, which is being carried out in the laboratory at Washington, D. C., of the Timber Engineering Company. He referred also to the fact that an accelerated tie wear testing machine has been designed and constructed in the laboratory of the American Brake Shoe Company at Mahwah, N. J., and that this company has cooperated in research work by making its machine available for various tests.

After describing development of new tie plate designs and sizes for the purpose of reducing tie wear, Mr. Magee discussed in some detail the efforts that are under way to develop hold-down fastenings and other means of reducing the destructive action of tie plates relative to the ties. The most extensive field test of this type is on the L&N. near London, Ky. He pointed out that, in addition to hold-down fastenings, this installation includes test coatings applied between the tie plates and ties to seal out the moisture and prevent movement, and various designs of tie pads.

Referring to the joint investigation being carried out in conjunction with the N. L. M. A., Mr. Magee said one phase of this investigation has led to the belief that intensity of bearing pressure is not the most important factor in contributing to tie wear. He implied that there was considerable evidence to indicate that deterioration of wood fibres in the tie-plate area was due to chemical action induced by the presence of moisture. It is also believed, he said, that presence of sand and grit between the tie plate and tie was a factor of some consequence in abrasive action.

"The goal of this joint investigation," he said, "is to develop a means of treating ties without splits or checks, providing a waterproofing surface which will prevent moisture change during seasonal variations, together with a means of effectively controlling the rate of tie abrasion from tie plates. If measures to accomplish this can be developed at an economical cost, it does not seem too much to anticipate a tie life of 35 to 40 years in the future."

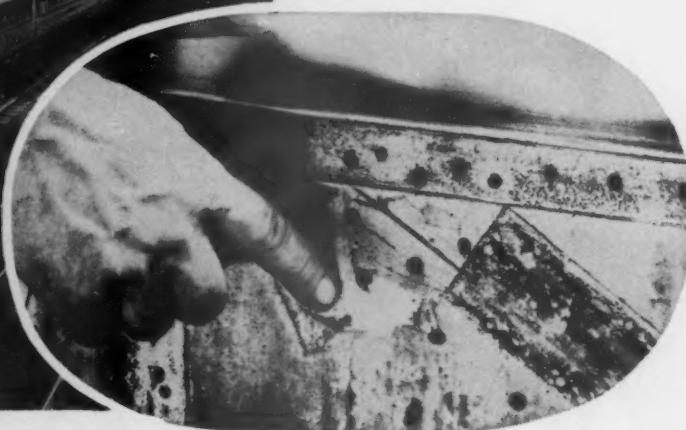
The address by Mr. Brentlinger comprised a discussion of the reason for seasoning wood in the crosstie industry, after which he reviewed the various methods of storing ties in order to arrive at an appreciation of why ties are stacked. He concluded that "much remains to be proven concerning the seasoning of ties, and the railroads who maintain large stocks and producers of ties should be working (Continued on page 79)

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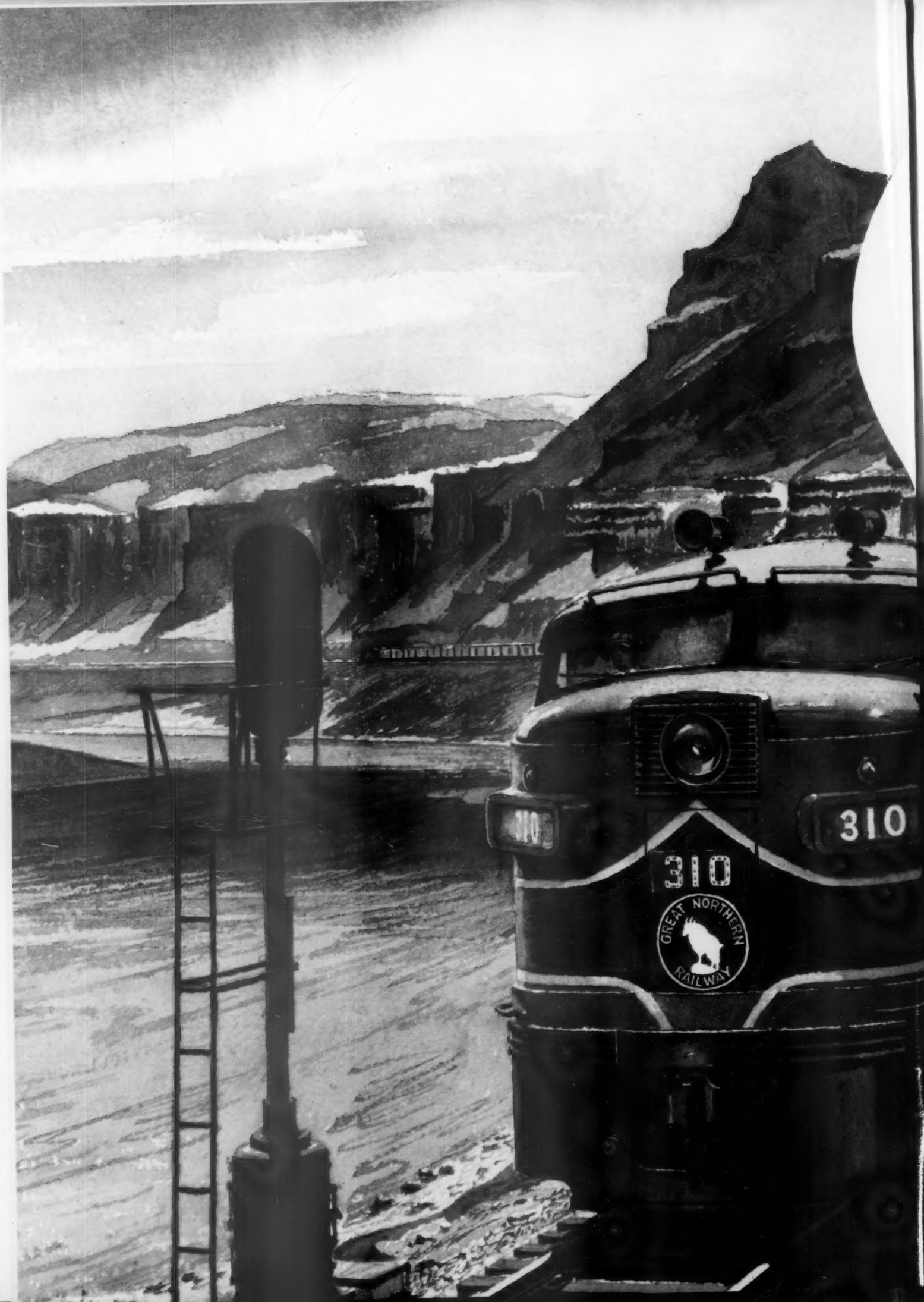
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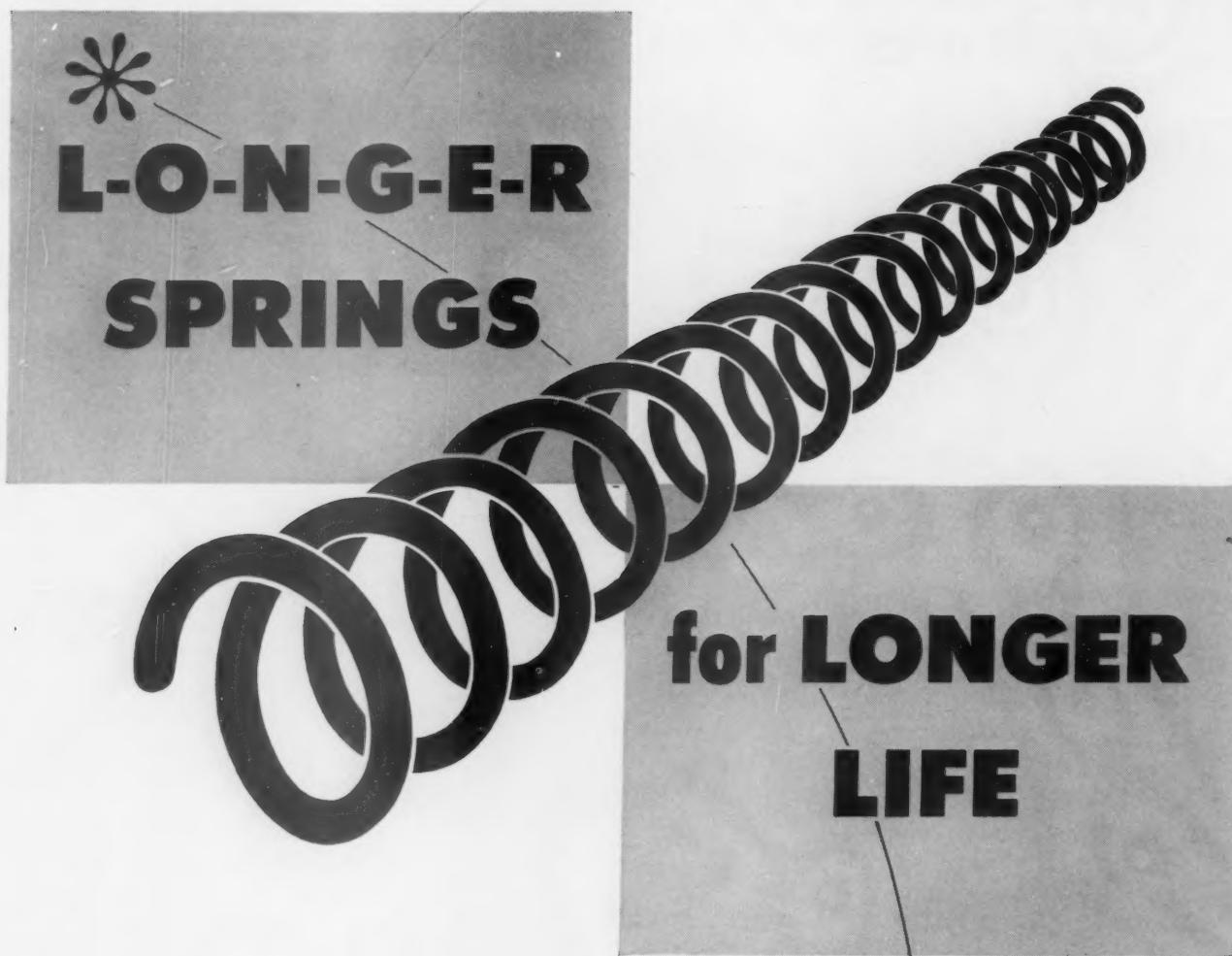
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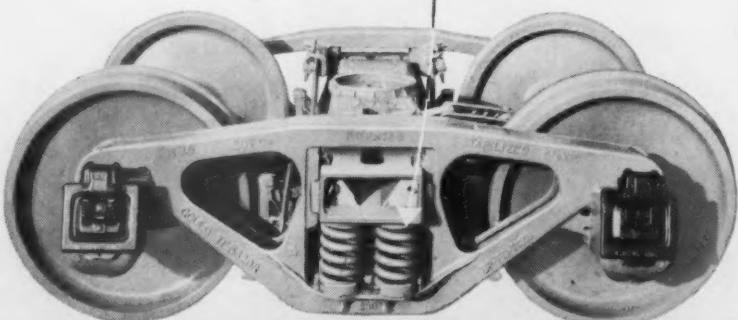


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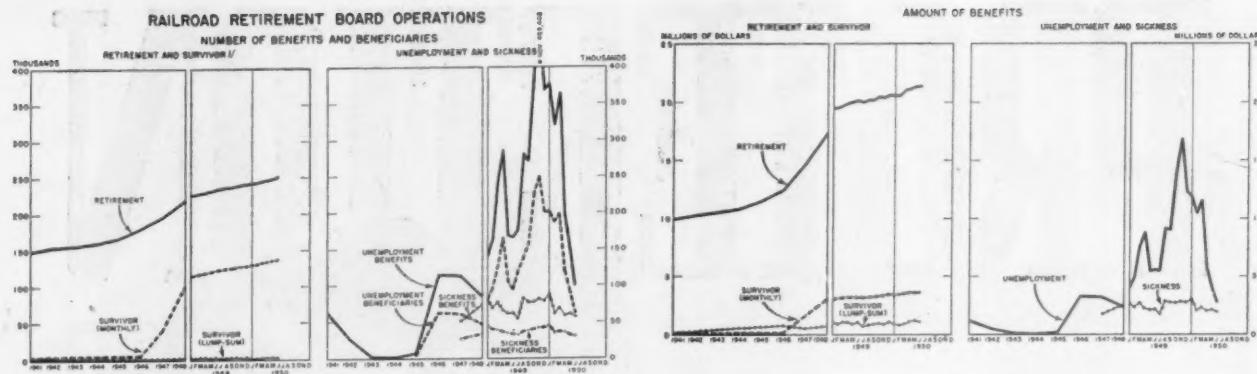


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1950 figures, which are based on straight monthly data. Survivor beneficiaries total about 20 per cent more than the number of benefits due to the frequent division of payments among more than one survivor within a family

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together for the answer that will reduce costs for the railroads and result in a better product for the producer to sell."

#### Must Look Ahead to 1952

Because of the return of war conditions Mr. Tiller was not optimistic regarding the profit-making possibilities of the tie producers during the next 12 months. However, it is his "considered opinion" that most all roads are amply protected on their 1951 requirements regardless of how many ties may be required. His opinion is that the railroads must now begin to think of securing enough ties to meet their requirements during 1952. Because of the international situation and resulting probable increase in railroad earnings he said that the railroads will be required to spend more money on track maintenance. This condition will definitely contribute to increased demand and use of more crossties, he added.

The report of the committee on Checking and Splitting of Crossties was devoted entirely to a discussion of vapor drying as a means of preventing

these forms of damage to crossties. The discussion included a description of the vapor-drying process and its objectives, the results of the committee's observation of vapor-dried oak crossties immediately after drying and treatment, a description of the condition of vapor-dried crossties in test tracks that were inspected and the presentation of data regarding the cost of the vapor-drying process and of equipment required for this process.

#### 33 Guardsmen Killed, 50 Injured, in P. R. R. Wreck

Thirty-three members of the 28th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard were killed and 50 others injured, three of them critically, when the westbound "Spirit of St. Louis" ran into the rear of a special troop train on the Pennsylvania one mile east of West Lafayette, Ohio (near Coshocton), at 6:15 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11. Four trainmen, including the engineman of the "Spirit," were also injured.

The 20-car troop train, which was carrying members of the recently federalized guard division from Carbondale, Pa., and Wilkes-Barre to Camp Atterbury, Ind., for training, had been stopped by a broken air hose. The "Spirit of St. Louis," following about five minutes behind, consisted of a two-unit Diesel-electric locomotive and 17 cars, and was estimated to have been traveling about 45 m.p.h. at the time of the accident. The two rear coaches of the troop train were reported "smashed," while the third coach from the rear were derailed but was not damaged as severely as the last two. The locomotive and three baggage cars of the "Spirit" were also derailed, but the engineman was the only person on that train who was reported injured. All deaths, and other injuries, occurred in the troop train, principally in the last two cars, where most of the men were asleep.

No information as to the cause of

the accident has been made available, pending railroad and Interstate Commerce Commission investigations. The railroad has stated, however, that the territory where the accident occurred "is equipped with the most modern signaling and protective devices," including automatic position light wayside signals and cab signals. The flagman of the troop train was reported to have set out the usual warning signals about 100 yd. to the rear of the train.

Following an unusual, though not unprecedented, procedure, the I.C.C. on September 12 instituted a formal proceeding for investigation of the accident. The proceeding is docketed as Ex Parte No. 173, and public hearings opened at Pittsburgh, Pa., on September 13 before Commissioner Patterson and Examiner E. J. Hoy.

It was stated at the commission's offices that the latest previous formal investigation of a railroad accident was made 30 years ago, in 1920, the involved accident having occurred on the Denver & Rio Grande Western. Between 1912 and 1920, there were 15 such investigations, seven of them being inquiries into accidents on the New York, New Haven & Hartford.

The usual commission procedure is to have train accidents investigated by its Bureau of Safety which conducts informal inquiries, i.e., members of the bureau's staff interview, or receive statements from, the involved railroad employees or others having pertinent information, but do not hold public hearings or receive sworn testimony. In recent years, however, reports on these bureau investigations have been issued as commission reports, usually by Commissioner Patterson.

Reports of the first day's investigation stated that William Eller, engineman of the "Spirit of St. Louis," a veteran of 47 years' service, admitted running past a "caution" indication on an approach signal approximately two miles from the wreck. He estimated (Continued on page 82)

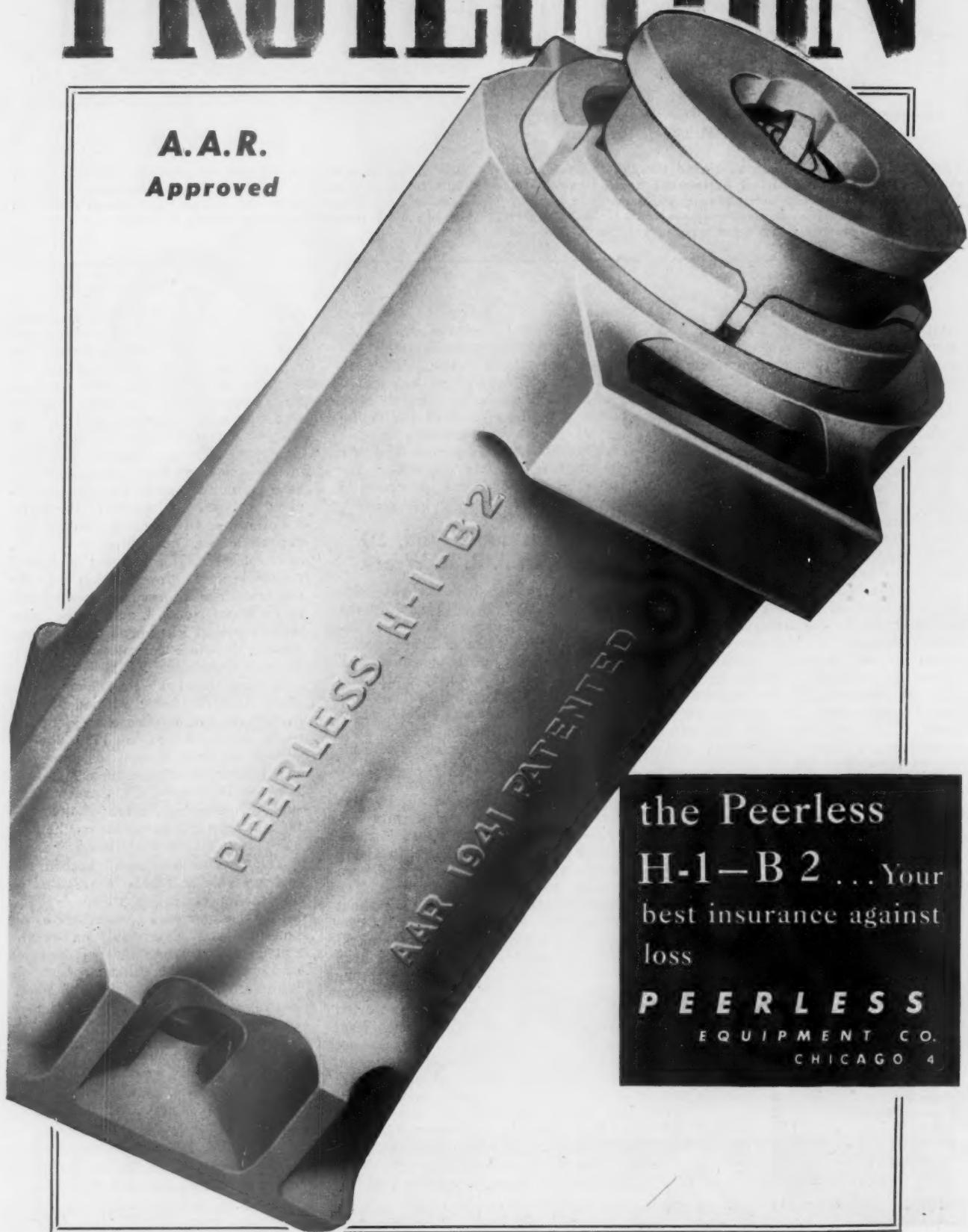
#### Car Surpluses and Shortages

Average daily freight car surpluses and shortages for the week ending September 9 were announced by the Association of American Railroads on September 14 as follows:

	Surplus	Shortage
Plain Box	0	19,811
Auto Box	8	257
<b>Total Box</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20,068</b>
Gondola	0	6,446
Hopper	0	4,661
Covered Hopper	0	137
Stock	111	20
Flat	205	1,465
Refrigerator	3,032	0
Other	290	241
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>33,038</b>

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(Continued from page 79) the speed of his train at that time at 50 m.p.h., but the locomotive speed recorder tape showed the train was going about 63 m.p.h. after it passed the approach signal, where it should have been slowed to 30 m.p.h.

### Freight Car Loadings

Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended September 9, which included the Labor Day holiday, totaled 751,276 cars, the Association of American Railroads announced on September 14. This was a drop of 101,045 cars, or 11.9 per cent, below the previous week, an increase of 127,314 cars, or 20.4 per cent, above the corresponding week last year, and a decline of 37,735 cars, or 4.8 per cent, under the equivalent 1948 week.

Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended September 2 totaled 852,321 cars, and the summary for that week as compiled by the Car Service Division, A.A.R., follows:

REVENUE FREIGHT CAR LOADINGS For the week ended Saturday, September 2			
District	1950	1949	1948
Eastern	148,738	126,564	157,675
Allegheny	174,391	133,176	182,567
Pocahontas	63,187	48,563	71,913
Southern	128,667	104,514	129,981
Northwestern	143,703	124,610	146,934
Central Western	130,917	111,951	137,796
Southwestern	62,718	54,556	68,265
Total Western Districts	337,338	291,117	352,995
Total All Roads	852,321	703,934	895,131
Commodities:			
Grain and grain products	50,851	45,456	51,212
Livestock	9,431	11,077	11,143
Coal	155,559	120,882	179,721
Coke	14,893	9,178	14,805
Forest products	49,635	37,103	50,925
Ore	83,296	63,260	77,422
Merchandise i.c.l.	90,842	83,858	108,246
Miscellaneous	397,814	333,120	401,657
September 2	852,321	703,934	895,131
August 26	838,429	747,211	891,666
August 19	851,025	731,215	900,663
August 12	847,465	728,029	891,276
August 5	837,218	716,863	878,647
Cumulative total 35 weeks	25,131,598	25,126,398	28,708,577

**In Canada.**—Carloadings for the week ended August 19, reporting of which was delayed because of the strike of non-operating employees of Canadian railroads from August 22 to August 31, totaled 84,026 cars, compared with 75,433 cars for the previous week, and 79,171 cars for the corresponding week last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

	Revenue Cars Loaded	Total Cars Rec'd from Connections
<b>Totals for Canada:</b>		
August 19, 1950	84,026	33,512
August 20, 1949	79,171	29,341
<b>Cumulative totals for Canada:</b>		
August 19, 1950	2,423,227	1,026,209
August 20, 1949	2,392,338	1,018,869

### Brannan Asks for More Efficient Use of Cars

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has requested shippers of agricultural commodities to load and unload box cars promptly and to fill them to maximum capacity.

"Maximum use of box cars by shippers of agricultural freight is impara-



**POSTMASTER GENERAL JESSE M. DONALDSON** examining some of the equipment being used in a joint industry-government experiment to determine whether or not some of the newest methods of materials handling can cut the cost of handling some storage mail. Approximately 64 of these 40-cu.-ft. capacity containers can be placed in a standard mail car, and with the load that each one takes, it is expected that the load of mail in the car will compare favorably with any manual loading. Mr. Donaldson, incidentally, is standing in a doorway of one of the Pennsylvania's new mail storage cars, development of which was mentioned in last week's *Railway Age* (page 78)

tive under present conditions," Secretary Brannan said in a September 1 statement, "Officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of the Association of American Railroads have discussed with department representatives the critical shortage of box cars that faces the country today . . . To set an example for other shippers, the Production and Marketing Administration, which handles shipment of grain controlled by the Commodity Credit Corporation, is loading cars to maximum capacity and trying to eliminate all unnecessary delays in loading and unloading. Observance of these measures by all shippers, together with faster turn-arounds by the railroads, will do much to 'stretch' the use of scarce equipment."

### Soda Ash Shortage Hits Use of Steam Power

The shortage of soda ash which has been building up for the past three months as a result of strikes in plants of suppliers, has commenced to pinch those roads which use a lot of steam motive power. Four large users of steam power in the midwest—C.R.I. & P., C.M.S.P.&P., I.C., and C.&N.W.—are down to rock bottom on available supplies. Unless new supplies of this chemical, which is used to treat the

water for steam locomotives, are forthcoming soon these roads will be forced to emergency measures. The scant available supplies are being stretched as far as possible through very careful control of use and distribution. Two roads have started shipping supplies of soft water into hard water areas in order to reduce need for water treatment.

### Two Bulwinkle-Act Pacts Effective Next Month

The rate-procedures agreement entered by Eastern railroads and the joint-action agreement entered by railroad parties to the car hire, demurrage and storage rules which are administered through the Association of American Railroads will become effective October 15 and October 7, respectively. These effective dates were fixed by Division 2 of the Interstate Commerce Commission in orders dated August 28.

The agreements involved were framed pursuant to provisions of the Reed-Bulwinkle Act, which is now section 5a of the Interstate Commerce Act. Some time ago they were approved by the commission, subject to conditions calling for modifications of a relatively minor nature. (See *Railway Age* of March 18, page 81, and March 25, page 67.)

Division 2's August 28 orders noted that the parties to the agreements had advised the commission that the conditions had been accepted and the agreements modified accordingly. The eastern roads' case was docketed as Section 5a Application No. 3, while that involving the car hire, demurrage and storage rules was Section 5a Application No. 7.

### Harriman Safety Awards To Be Made September 20

The E. H. Harriman memorial gold medals for the best railroad safety records in 1949 will be awarded at a dinner in the Hotel Ambassador, New York, on September 20. The Norfolk & Western will receive the gold medal for class A railroads (those operating more than 10,000,000 locomotive-miles annually); the Western Maryland for class B railroads (those operating less than 10,000,000 but more than 1,000,000 locomotive-miles each year); and the Colorado & Wyoming for class C railroads (those operating less than 1,000,000 locomotive-miles a year).

Certificates of commendation for outstanding performance in railroad safety will be awarded to the following: Eastern district—(class A), Erie, (class B), Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines, (class C), Detroit & Mackinac; Western district—(class A), Union Pacific, (class B), Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range, (class C), Texas & Mexican; Southern district—(class A), Louisville & Nashville, (class B), Gulf, Mobile & Ohio, (class C), Tennessee Central. This year two ad-

ditional certificates of commendation will be awarded to these switching and terminal companies: Group ST-1, Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal, and, group ST-2, Birmingham Southern.

The awards will be presented by James G. Lyne, editor of *Railway Age* and chairman of the award committee of the American Museum of Safety. Wallace J. Falvey, president of the museum, will preside. Col. Robert S. Henry, vice-president, Association of American Railroads, will speak at the dinner. Julien H. Harvey, chairman of the Arthur Williams memorial award committee, will present the Arthur Williams memorial medal to Arthur V. Rohweder, superintendent of safety and welfare of the D.M. & I.R.

### Rep. Bulwinkle Dies

Representative Alfred Lee Bulwinkle, Democrat of North Carolina, died at his home in Gastonia, N. C., on August 31. Mr. Bulwinkle was co-author with the late Senator Clyde Reed, Republican of Kansas, of the Reed-Bulwinkle Act which grants immunity from the anti-trust laws to carriers participating, with approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in rate-procedure agreements and other joint actions relating to rates and charges. Provisions of the act are embodied in section 5a of the Interstate Commerce Act.

Except for the 1929-31 period, Mr. Bulwinkle had been a member of Congress since 1921. Next to Chairman Crosser, Democrat of Ohio, he was the ranking majority member of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

### Early Resigns Defense Job; Will Return to Pullman

Stephen T. Early, deputy secretary of defense since April, 1949, this week announced his resignation from that position. Mr. Early, who has been on leave from Pullman, Inc., is expected to rejoin the company following a vacation. He has been a vice-president of the firm for several years.

In accepting Mr. Early's resignation, President Truman thanked him for his service to the nation, and praised his work in the Defense Department. Mr. Early has been in public service for many years, having served as press secretary to the late President Roosevelt from 1933. At the time of his election to the Pullman vice-presidency, Mr. Early was serving as special assistant to President Truman.

### Texas Employees Would Operate Abandoned Service

Railway labor unions, meeting at Austin, Tex., on September 5 are reported to have suggested a plan to form a company to operate train service which railroads have abandoned because of operating losses.

Joseph I. Steadham, chairman of the Joint Railway Labor Legislative Board, said the labor organizations would try to work out at a future meeting the idea of creating a corporation in Texas through which employees could operate discontinued passenger, mail and express service. About 6,000 mi. of such service have been discontinued, he said, since a 1949 decision by the Texas Supreme Court that rail lines cannot be forced to continue service at a loss.

Mr. Steadham estimated that if abandoned service could be restored it would provide work for 250 transpor-

tation employees plus about 300 station employees; and is said to have added that:

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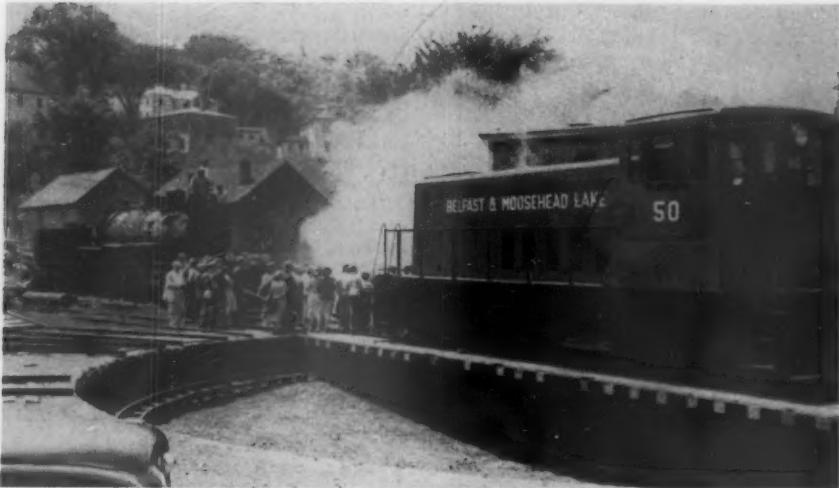
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Cooper-Bessemer Corporation, the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., the Maine Central and the Bangor & Aroostook—and, as a silent spectator, the partially demolished remains of one of the road's old steam locomotives, which the Diesels replaced. A summary of the results of Diesel operation on the B. & M. L. was given in the *Railway Age* of August 19, page 20

mail and express service, by cooperating with the citizens of various towns and communities and by arranging schedules to meet the convenience of the people.

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### Superintendents Vote For "Effective Advertising"

The executive council of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents, at a meeting in Chicago on September 11, endorsed a resolution written and passed at the association's annual Pacific Coast post-convention meeting advocating that the Association of American Railroads, "by the use of the most effective advertising known to the advertising business," seek to alleviate the present inequality of opportunity among transportation agencies. The resolution, recognizing that this inequality of opportunity is largely due to factors controlled by public opinion, seeks more effective public and employee education in the importance of this matter.

### Federal-Aid Highway Act Signed by President

President Truman on September 7 signed the recently-enacted federal-aid highway act which authorizes appropriations of \$500,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 1952, and June 30, 1953, for the so-called regular road program. Each year's half-billion dollars includes \$225,000 for the federal-aid "primary" system, \$150,000,000 for "secondary"

roads, and \$125,000,000 for highway projects in urban areas.

The act also carried authorizations for other road building, including work on forest roads, national parkways, and highway projects certified by the secretary of commerce as necessary for defense. While the act was on its way through Congress, the Senate voted down a proposed amendment which would have denied federal aid to states which permitted trucks carrying more than 18,000 lb. gross weight per axle to operate over federal-aid roads.

This authorization act does not provide funds for the contemplated expenditures involved. The money will not be available until it is appropriated in appropriation acts for the fiscal years covered.

## EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### FREIGHT CARS

#### 24,280 Freight Cars Ordered In August; 5,203 Delivered

Freight-train cars ordered last month for domestic use totaled 24,280, including 9,039 ordered from railroad shops, compared with July orders for 30,065 cars, which included 10,575 ordered from railroad shops, the American Railway Car Institute has announced. Freight-train cars delivered

in August numbered 5,023, including 2,416 delivered by railroad shops, compared with July deliveries of 3,464, which included 1,326 delivered by railroad shops. August deliveries included 2,324 box cars, 1,196 hopper cars, 935 gondola cars, 272 stock cars, 266 refrigerator cars, 204 tank cars and 6 cars of other types.

Steel is still in short supply, according to the institute, and no substantial increase in monthly deliveries can be expected until several months after establishment of the proposed voluntary allocation program under new defense legislation. The backlog of cars on order on September 1, the institute said, was 86,156, including 32,471 on order with railroad shops, compared with 67,084 cars on order on August 1 and 28,731 on order on September 1, 1949.

The **Chicago & Eastern Illinois** has 25 flat cars on order from the Thrall Car Company.

The **Missouri-Kansas-Texas** has ordered 500 50-ton box cars from the Pressed Steel Car Company.

The **New York Central System** has ordered 1,000 55-ton 40½-ft. box cars at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000 and has announced plans to recondition 3,000 gondola cars at an estimated cost of \$5,400,000. The order for box cars is in addition to the order for 6,001 cars of various types reported in *Railway Age* of August 5, page 73. It brings the Central's postwar orders for freight cars to 42,673 units at a total estimated cost of \$190,500,000.

The **Southern Pacific** has ordered 1,600 50-ton box cars from the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company. These cars are part of the 5,000 recently authorized to be purchased or constructed, as reported in *Railway Age* of August 26, page 61.

The **Western Pacific** will place an "immediate" order for 500 50-ton wood-lined steel box cars.

### PASSENGER CARS

The **Atlantic Coast Line** has purchased six lightweight coaches from the Budd Company and four lightweight 6-double-bedroom-10-roomette sleeping cars from the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company. The cars, costing about \$1,125,000, were built on orders from the Chesapeake & Ohio subsequently taken over by the Coast Line. They are expected to be placed in service in the near future.

### IRON & STEEL

The **Delaware & Hudson** has ordered 1,232 net tons of rail from the Bethlehem Steel Company.

The **Lehigh & New England** has ordered 1,373 gross tons of rail from the Bethlehem Steel Company.

The **Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac** has ordered 7,750 net tons of rail from the Bethlehem Steel Company.

The **Western Pacific** has received approval for purchase of 76 track mi. of new rail.

#### MARINE

The **Central of New Jersey** has ordered one 2-track and two 3-track car floats from the Bethlehem-Staten Island Yard, Staten Island, N. Y.

### CAR SERVICE

#### I.C.C. Acts to Speed Freight Car Movements

##### Raises demurrage charges and prescribes operating rules

Service orders imposing increased demurrage charges running up to \$20 per day, prescribing railroad operating regulations for the movement of freight cars, and restricting the use of trap and ferry cars were issued this week by Division 3 of the Interstate Commerce Commission. As this issue went to press, the demurrage and operating rules orders—No. 865 and No. 866, respectively—were scheduled to become effective at 7 a.m., September 20, that date having been fixed by amendments which changed the September 15 of the original orders. The order relating to trap and ferry cars, No. 867, was also scheduled to become effective September 20, but at 11:59 a.m. The latter's expiration date is 11:59 p.m. March 31, 1951, while the other two orders have the same expiration date—7:00 a.m. April 1, 1951.

The orders were issued on September 12. That was the day after the commission, as noted elsewhere in this issue, designated James K. Knudson as the commissioner to whom its Bureau of Service reports, thus making Mr. Knudson the administrator of those provisions of the Defense Production Act which authorize the establishment of priorities and allocations with respect to domestic rail, highway, and inland-waterway transportation.

Service Order No. 865 imposes on freight cars, not subject to an average agreement, demurrage charges of \$5 per car per day or fraction thereof for the first and second days after the expiration of free time; \$10 per day or fraction thereof for the third and fourth days; and \$20 per day for each succeeding day or fraction thereof. As (Continued on page 91)

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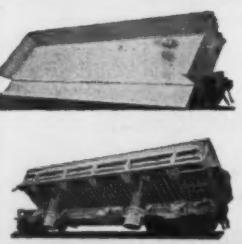
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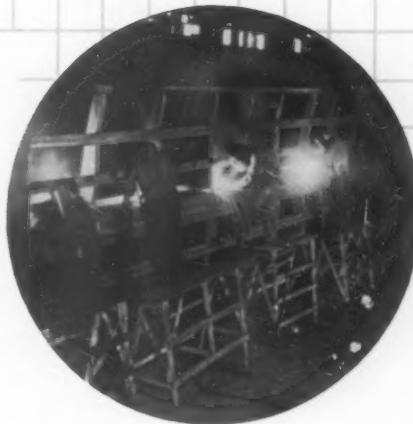
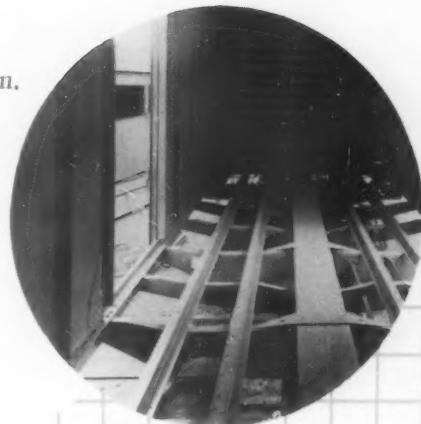
#### **Q.C. Facts on Freight Cars**

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to cars subject to average agreements, the order imposes the same charges and prescribes this rule for offsetting: "Each \$5 debit day charge shall be offset or reduced by accrued credits only at the ratio of two credits for one debit, an odd credit to be disregarded. Charges at rates in excess of \$5 per day shall not be offset or reduced by accrued credits."

The order also has a provision relating to so-called "bunching of cars." It suspends tariff rules which prohibit the cancellation or refunding of demurrage charges on cars "bunched" for unloading, but restricts the application of "bunching" rules. Such rules will be applicable "to the extent that the allowances provided therein shall be made only on cars originating at the same point, moving via the same route, and consigned to one consignee at one point, which are tendered for delivery in accumulated numbers in excess of the daily rate of shipment, provided written claim is filed in accordance with the provisions [of the applicable rule]; however, allowance shall be made only on cars accruing charges at rates in excess of \$5 per car per day."

The order applies generally to all freight cars subject to published demurrage rules and charges on file with the I.C.C. or state commissions. There is, however, an exception which exempts "export, coastwise, or inter-coastal bulk freight (including coal, coke, and vessel fuel) during the period such bulk freight is held at cars at ports (including Great Lakes) for transfer to vessels. . . ."

Also, it is provided that the order shall not change demurrage rules relating to adjusting, canceling, or refunding demurrage charges arising from "unusual conditions or circumstances." When the order was issued, the demurrage charges were \$3 per car per day for the first four days after the expiration of free time, and \$6 per car per day thereafter.

The order was based on a commission finding that there existed an "emergency requiring immediate action to promote the national defense and car service in the interest of the public and commerce of the people." A like finding was set out in each of the other two orders.

The railroad operating rules written into Service Order No. 866 are those now contained in Appendix C to the railroads: Code of Car Service Rules. In addition the commission has required prompt sending of arrival notices; and it has made Arthur H. Gass, chairman of the Car Service Division, A.A.R., its agent with authority to issue "such orders as may be necessary with respect to the location, relocation and distribution of freight cars."

The operating rules prescribed in the order require the railroads to:

(1) Place or constructively place all inbound loaded cars within 24 hours after the first 7:00 a.m. following arrival at destination station or serving yard, Sundays and holidays excepted.

(2) Remove empty cars after release from load

within 24 hours after the first 7:00 a.m. following release, Sundays and holidays excepted, unless such cars are ordered or appropriated within such 24-hour period by the shipper for reloading.

(3) Remove all outbound loaded freight cars within 24 hours after the first 7:00 a.m. following tender and acceptance by carrier of the shipping order or bill of lading covering the cars, and forward within 24 hours after the first 7:00 a.m. following receipt in terminal, Sundays and holidays excepted.

Exempt from the foregoing are: Non-revenue cars in company-material service; railroad fuel; company material, the unloading of which must await preparation of track or bridge structures requiring special work train service; cars released on lines where less than daily service is provided, or at outlying stations where switching service is not performed on Saturdays; privately owned or leased cars held or stored on private tracks when the ownership of the cars and the tracks is the same; cars held for export, coastwise (including Great Lakes) or intercoastal shipment; and cars held for reconsignment, customs inspection, or order notify bills of lading, or causes beyond the control of the railroad.

Another rule of the order restricts the holding of cars for prospective loading, stipulating that, "with due regard for efficient railroad operating practices," no road shall hold more cars for prospective loading for any industry which it serves than those needed to protect "current outbound loading." Where an industry is served by more than one road, each such road must "arrange to prevent the aggregate holding of empty cars in excess of the industry's current needs." Exempt from this rule are "cars assembled for peak or seasonal movements and special types of cars for specific types of loading."

As to the repair-truck operations, the order requires that, "weather conditions permitting," all cars taken out of service for repairs, or carded for repairs, be repaired "at the earliest time consistent with efficient railroad operating practices." Then come the rules, mentioned above, which require the prompt sending of arrival notices and make C.S.D. Chairman Gass a commission agent for the issuance of car distribution orders. The former stipulates that notice of arrival or constructive placement must be sent or given "within 24 hours, Sundays and holidays excepted, after arrival of car and billing at destination." A final rule requires that the railroads "make the necessary yard and track checks and maintain sufficient supervision and records to comply with the provisions of this order."

In restricting the use of trap and ferry cars, Service Order No. 867 provides generally that "no railroad . . . shall provide, use or permit the use of a trap car or a ferry car between points in the same municipality or between contiguous municipalities or within a zone adjacent to or a part of any such municipality or municipalities. . . ." A trap or ferry car is defined as "any railroad car utilized for intra-terminal or so-called crosstown switching irre-

spective of whether the freight is moving at l.c.l. rates, at per car rates or carload rates based on carload minimum specified in tariffs."

The order's exemption provisions permit ferry-car operations to continue in the following situations:

(1) Where cars involved are not suitable for interchange.

(2) Where there is no other common carrier capable of transporting the shipments.

(3) Where necessary to relieve congestion of carriers' freight-house facilities because of inability to obtain transportation of the shipment by motor vehicle.

(4) Where motor vehicles are not available with which to move the shipment.

(5) Where the carriers' freight-house or transfer facilities or consignor's or consignee's facilities are so located or constructed as to make it impracticable to transport the shipment by motor vehicles.

(6) Where the cars involved contain perishables or explosives and dangerous articles.

(7) Where a pick-up or concentration car is operated between points which, "from previous experience or actual present knowledge," will arrive at destination with a net load of at least 10 tons.

(8) Where shipments involved are of the kind described in Section 2 of Rule 27 of the Consolidated Freight Classification, i.e., heavy, bulky, and unwieldy articles.

There is also a permit provision authorizing exemptions on the basis of special or general permits issued by the director of the commission's Bureau of Service, Homer C. King.

## SUPPLY TRADE

**W. C. Harris** has been appointed manager of engineering of the locomotive and car equipment divisions of the **General Electric Company's** apparatus department to succeed **H. W. Gouldthorpe**, recently appointed manager of the transportation divisions in Schenectady, N. Y. **R. A. Hutchins** has been appointed to the newly created post of assistant to the manager of the locomotive and car equipment divisions.



**W. C. Harris**

Mr. Harris joined G. E. in 1911 on its test engineering program soon after graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a degree in electric engineering. Later he was assigned to the railway engineering division and in 1917 was commissioned a first lieutenant.



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ant to serve overseas during World War I. In 1925 he transferred to G.E.'s railway traction division, and two years later was appointed assistant engineer of the automotive engineering division. In 1930 Mr. Harris moved to Erie, Pa., and was named engineer of the automotive engineering division. Five years later he became assistant to



R. A. Hutchins

the Erie works manager and in 1945 he was made Erie works engineer. He later became designing engineer for the locomotive and car equipment divisions.

Mr. Hutchins, born in Wyoming, Pa., came to G.E. from Pratt Institute in 1909 as a student on the test engineering program. He joined the railway motor engineering division in 1911 and in 1926 was transferred to Erie. Later he traveled throughout Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay for the international General Electric Company. In 1932 he was appointed section head in the railway motor engineering division.

**Fred E. Peacock** has been appointed technical sales and service manager of the **National Pneumatic**



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**Company**, with headquarters at the company's Boston, Mass., plant. He is succeeded as eastern sales manager by **C. Allen Koenig**, with offices in

the Graybar building, New York. Mr. Peacock, who joined the firm shortly after World War I, was eastern sales



Fred E. Peacock

manager for five years. In his new position he will coordinate activities of the sales and service divisions. For the past 10 years Mr. Koenig has been manager of railroad sales.

**Hynes Sparks** has been elected president of the **Symington-Gould Corporation**, effective October 1, to succeed **Peter F. Rosmann**, who has resigned to accept an executive position with the **Hupp Corporation**.

Mr. Sparks, elected vice-president of Symington-Gould in March, 1942, will continue in charge of general sales policies and will make his headquarters in the New York office. He joined the firm in its Rochester, N. Y., plant shortly after his discharge from the



Hynes Sparks

Army in 1919 and was transferred to the New York sales office in January, 1920. He was appointed manager, eastern sales, in 1938, which position he held until his election as vice-president. Mr. Sparks was elected a director and a member of the policy committee at the annual stockholders' meeting in 1946. During World War II he was principal industrial specialist in the forgings and castings section of the steel division, War Production Board.

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**Lloyd H. Angstadt** has been named director of the Institute of Records Administration and Management Controls to be opened this fall by **Remington Rand, Inc.** Before his present appointment Mr. Angstadt, who joined the company last December, was a special assistant to the general sales manager of the business machines and services division. The institute is scheduled to open its first customer seminar within a few weeks.

**Arnold Rosenberg** has been appointed general sales manager of the communications division of the Bendix radio division of the **Bendix Aviation Corporation**. He succeeds **J. W. Hammond**, who has been transferred to the Friez instrument division of Bendix Aviation as director of sales. **R. B. Moon** has been appointed assistant general sales manager of the communications division, and **R. B. Barnhill** succeeds Mr. Moon as sales manager of railroad and mobile products. **R. L. Daniel** will continue as manager of aviation radio sales.

**J. G. Graham**, who has for the past several years been with the Railroad Locomotive division of **Fairbanks, Morse & Co.** at Chicago, has been appointed eastern regional manager of locomotive sales. Mr. Graham will be located at New York, where he will have jurisdiction over sales of locomotives in the New York,

Southeastern and Cleveland areas. **D. C. Prescott**, a representative of the locomotive sales staff in the Chicago district, has been appointed district manager—locomotive sales of the Southwestern district, and will be located in St. Louis, Mo., after October 1. **C. H. Morse, Jr.**, assistant manager of Diesel locomotive service, with headquarters at the Beloit (Wis.) Works, has been appointed district manager—locomotive sales, with headquarters at Chicago, and jurisdiction over the Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis areas.

**Maurice N. Trainer**, formerly first vice-president of the **American Brake Shoe Company**, has been elected president to succeed William B. Given, Jr., who becomes chairman of the board.

seeks authority to purchase a claim against the estate of the B.&P. based upon \$2,170,000 of matured 5 per cent debentures. The commission re-signed the hearing for October 17, in Washington, D. C., before Examiner Harvey H. Wilkinson. (See *Railway Age* of July 22, page 59.) The commission's action was taken following the New Haven's request for a postponement.

**Pennsylvania-Wabash.** — *Control of D.T.&I.*—Acting in response to a request of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, to which the case has been appealed, the I.C.C. has postponed from September 23 to October 23 the effective date of its order authorizing these roads to acquire control of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton. The New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, and New York, Chicago & St. Louis oppose the acquisition as approved by the commission. (See *Railway Age* of August 19, page 56.)

**Western Pacific.** — *Refinancing Plan.*—This company's directors have approved a general plan for refinancing. The plan calls for issuance of \$22 million of 3 per cent first mortgage bonds which would be used to retire the existing \$10 million of 4 per cent first mortgage bonds and \$6.133 million of 4½ per cent general mortgage income bonds. The balance of the proposed issue would provide additional money for further improvements to the property. Approval of the new mortgage must be obtained from a two-thirds majority of preferred stockholders, according to the road's articles of incorporation, after which the proposal will be submitted to the I.C.C. for its approval.

## New Securities

Division 4 of the I.C.C. has authorized:

**KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN.**—To assume liability for \$2,700,000 of series K equipment trust certificates to finance in part 26 Diesel-electric locomotives costing an estimated \$3,346,680. (See *Railway Age* of August 12, page 82.) The certificates, to be dated September 1, will mature in 15 annual installments of \$180,000 each, beginning September 1, 1951. Division 4's report approved a selling price of 100.5699 with interest at 2½ per cent—the bid of Harris, Hall & Co. and four associates—which will make the average annual cost of the proceeds approximately 2.43 per cent. The certificates were reoffered to the public at prices yielding from 1.5 to 2.6 per cent, according to maturity.

## Security Price Averages

	Sept. 12	Last week	Last year
Average price of 20 representative railway stocks.	48.19	45.98	38.40
Average price of 20 representative railway bonds.	95.91	95.37	85.72

## Dividends Declared

**Dover & Rockaway.**—\$3, semiannual, payable October 2 to holders of record September 30.

**European & North American.**—\$2.50, semiannual, payable October 3 to holders of record September 9.

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**B. R. Harris**, general industrial agent of the CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN, has been appointed assistant to the president in charge of industrial development, with headquarters at Chicago.

### FINANCIAL, LEGAL & ACCOUNTING

**Leo J. Gosney**, general auditor of the WESTERN PACIFIC, has been elected also comptroller, with headquarters remaining at San Francisco, Cal.

### OPERATING

**A. E. Highland** has been appointed assistant to manager of the Military Transportation Section, Car Service Division, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS. This position has been restored due to increased activity in the section incident to the Korean war and the increased mobilization of the United States armed forces.

**E. C. Ackerman**, assistant division superintendent of the CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY, at Omaha, Neb., has been appointed acting assistant to general manager, Lines East of the Missouri river, with headquarters at Chicago, succeeding **R. L. Clayton**, who is off duty on account of illness.

### TRAFFIC

**LeRoy C. Howe**, general freight agent of three affiliated roads of the NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM, the INDIANA HARBOR BELT, the CHICAGO RIVER & INDIANA and the CHICAGO JUNCTION, with headquarters at Chicago, has been appointed assistant freight traffic manager of the N.Y.C. at St. Louis, Mo. He succeeds **J. L. Meehan**, transferred to Detroit, Mich., as reported by *Railway Age* on July 8. **M. L. Seger**, division freight agent at Chicago, becomes Mr. Howe's successor, and is in turn succeeded by **R. L. Milbourne**. **J. C. Malone**, general agent at Davenport, Iowa, has been appointed general agent, freight department, at Chicago.

Mr. Howe was born on August 11, 1892, in Aurora, Ill., and received his higher education at Northwestern and LaSalle Extension Universities. He began his career with the Central in 1911 as a stenographer in the office of the freight traffic manager at Chicago, serving there and in the office of the traffic manager until World War I, when he entered military service. He later held various secretarial and clerical positions, and in 1929 became general agent at Toledo, Ohio. In 1932 he was transferred to Kankakee, Ill., as division freight agent, and in 1933 was appointed to the same position at

Chicago. He became general freight agent at that point in 1948.

Mr. Seger entered service with the Central in March, 1918, at Chicago as a mail clerk. Subsequently he held various positions, and in September, 1939, was appointed chief clerk for the system vice-president—freight traffic, being advanced to division freight agent in September, 1948.

### MECHANICAL

**F. B. Rykoskey**, system supervisor of shops of the BALTIMORE & OHIO at Baltimore, Md., has been promoted to superintendent of motive power of the

Central region at Pittsburgh, Pa., succeeding **Harry Rees**, who has been granted leave of absence because of ill health. **Guy F. Miles**, supervisor of Diesel-electric locomotive operation for the system, has been promoted to assistant to the general superintendent of motive power and equipment, with headquarters as before at Baltimore. **J. J. Ekin, Jr.**, supervisor of lubrication at Baltimore, replaces Mr. Rykoskey as supervisor of shops. **L. L. Robinson, Jr.**, regional motive power inspector at Baltimore, has been promoted to general supervisor of locomotive maintenance, to succeed **E. A. Campney**, promoted to super-

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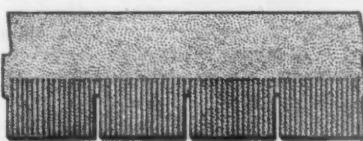
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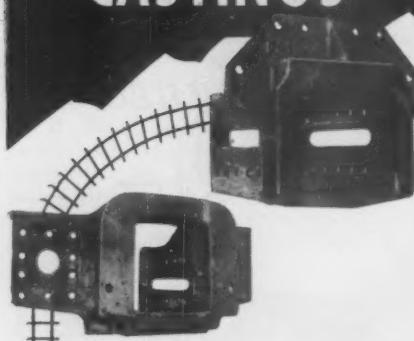
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visor of lubrication. **W. C. Brown**, Diesel foreman at Riverside shops, Baltimore, has been promoted to regional Diesel supervisor, replacing **J. D. Cavey**, appointed regional motive power inspector. **A. M. Lewis**, superintendent of shops at DuBois, Pa., has been promoted to master mechanic at Willard, Ohio. **W. F. Dadd**, regional Diesel supervisor for the Western region at Cincinnati, Ohio, has been promoted to master mechanic at Punxsutawney, Pa., succeeding **L. R. Haase**, who has been appointed superintendent of shops at DuBois. **O. M. Dorsey**, Diesel foreman at Cone Yard, East St. Louis, Ill., has been promoted to regional Diesel supervisor at Cincinnati.

Mr. Rykoskey joined the B. & O. in 1920 as apprentice machinist. He became supervisor of shops for the system at Baltimore in 1944.

#### ENGINEERING & SIGNALING

**S. H. Shepley**, assistant chief engineer of the ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN, at Joliet, Ill., has been assigned to rearrangement of yard facilities at Gary, Ind., of which project he will be in direct charge, with headquarters at Gary. While on this assignment, Mr. Shepley's former duties and responsibilities in the maintenance of way department will be assumed by **A. C. Hoyt**, engineer bridges and buildings at Joliet, who becomes engineer maintenance of way at that point. **A. C. Johnson**, engineer of design, at East Joliet, Ill., assumes Mr. Hoyt's duties as engineer bridges and buildings.

**C. G. Davis**, division engineer of the KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN LINES, has been promoted to assistant chief engineer, with headquarters as before at Kansas City, Mo.

#### SPECIAL

**Dwight W. Norris**, manager of public relations of the NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD at New York, and **Leslie H. Tyler**, public relations representative at New Haven, Conn., have been appointed assistant directors of publicity for New York and Connecticut, respectively. Mr. Norris is the New Haven's representative on the New York mayor's defense committee and Mr. Tyler is editor of the road's employee publication.

#### OBITUARY

**E. Wilbur Reich**, 56, assistant to the president of the READING at Philadelphia, Pa., died of a heart attack on September 8 at his home in Jenkins, Pa.

**R. W. Willis**, who retired as assistant chief engineer of the CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY, at Chicago, in October, 1947, died on September 1 at Hinsdale, Ill.

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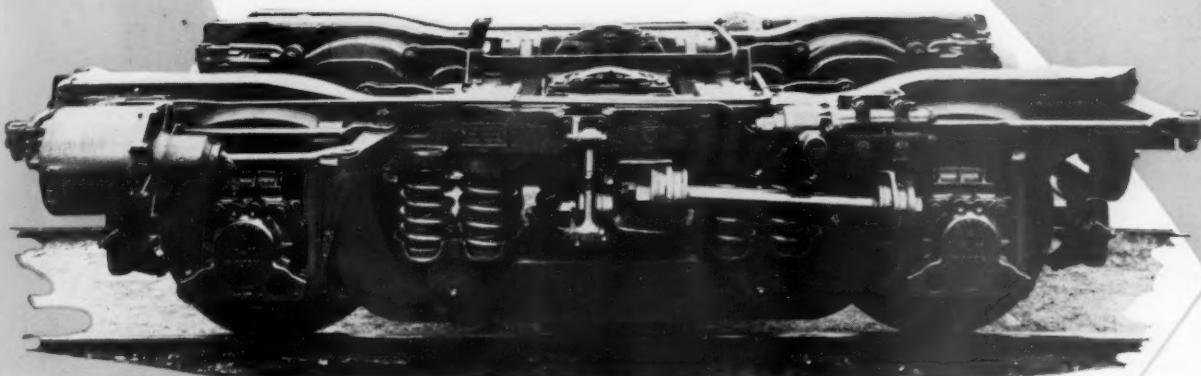
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MONTH OF JULY AND SEVEN MONTHS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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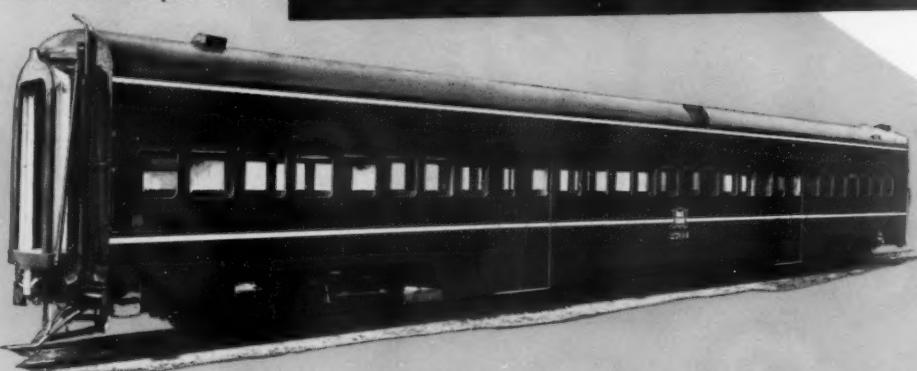
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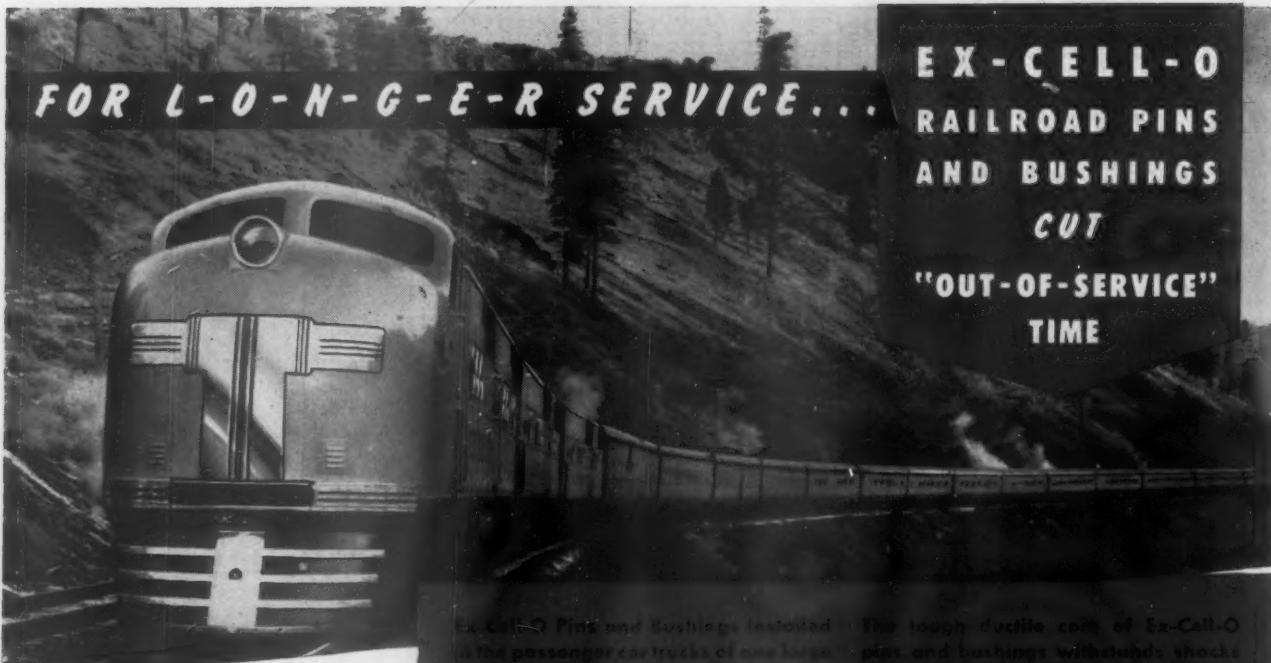
## REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF RAILWAYS

MONTH OF JULY AND SEVEN MONTHS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Name of road	A.v. mileage operated during period	Operating revenues			Maintenance of equipment			Operating Expenses			Net railway operating income			
		Freight	Passenger	Total (inc. misc.)	Way and structures	Traffic	Transportation	Total	Operating ratio	from railway operation	Railway tax accruals	1950	1949	
Colorado & Southern . . . . .	740	1,009,381	93,442	1,093,823	149,618	24,709	422,925	5,354,469	72.2	102,335	69,190	1,211,324	421,324	
Delaware & Hudson . . . . .	743	6,158,985	451,583	6,600,968	1,099,687	1,08,479	174,085	2,630,925	74.6	1,821,074	966,540	4,211,250	447,280	
Ft. Worth & Denver City . . . . .	1,130	1,663,906	174,637	1,838,543	222,251	240,858	48,742	609,490	68.0	566,502	234,318	1,79,635	1,211,306	
Colorado & Wyoming . . . . .	967	8,366,030	10,405	8,376,435	1,775,172	1,475,704	1,353,209	337,971	3,405,099	1,187,840	1,566,477	1,187,840	31,990	
Columbus & Greenville . . . . .	41	118,075	188,178	17,469	21,651	1,373	5,088,542	5,781,1	129,427	67.7	58,751	23,325	21,990	
Detroit & Rio Grande Western . . . . .	737	492	1,260,015	94,932	141,574	5,873	524,448	832,333	66.0	427,682	250,768	175,233	279,912	
Detroit, Toledo & Ironton . . . . .	168	1,34,712	40,477	1,74,197	24,477	2,40,371	5,950	138,029	98.1	2,615	11,222	7,048	4,107	
Detroit & Mackinac . . . . .	794	27,903,134	1,047,977	29,738,444	3,931,831	6,611,003	503,096	12,064,348	83.0	135,571	111,221	40,357	73,565	
Detroit, Lackawanna & Western . . . . .	966	5,118,763	907,575	5,621,269	852,691	1,102,220	140,636	5,209,296	81.2	5,424,305	2,598,425	1,993,074	222,309	
Detroit, Toledo & Shore Line . . . . .	967	35,285,651	5,646,005	44,111,348	5,487,980	7,088,367	1,008,256	20,1,938,341	81.3	6,26,656	5,38,704	3,600,601	5,360,601	
Detroit, Toledo, & Ironton . . . . .	2413	3,160,395	3,549,902	6,699,302	6,699,141	6,531,789	4,402,801	11,914,133	95,924	1,12,122	11,221	43,862	4,386,575	
Detroit, Toledo, & Shore Line . . . . .	232	1,050,084	946	1,104,889	4,175,545	866,372	65,108	1,718,257	87.6	5,70,125	3,102,431	3,153,169	237,116	
Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range . . . . .	50	523,737	4,258,572	5,646,311	1,107,992	210,000	135,030	12,204	83.0	5,296,430	194,436	2,598,254	226,527	
Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic . . . . .	50	4,258,572	4,246,311	8,204	1,92,220	12,980	2,17,901	20,1,938,341	81.3	6,26,656	5,38,704	3,600,601	5,360,601	
Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific . . . . .	464	1,335,166	570	1,307,614	164,827	197,835	145,932	1,462,011	91.4	306,412	290,169	167,088	451,694	
Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range . . . . .	464	9,904,434	2,557	10,288,322	1,069,181	1,671,975	169,326	2,75,897	91.4	3,463,324	44,593	3,153,169	4,386,575	
Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic . . . . .	563	17,810,364	11,910	20,912,121	3,750,415	5,18,986	2,807,392	12,18,331	56.8	478,929	194,436	2,598,254	226,527	
Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific . . . . .	539	3,545,996	48,641	3,796,541	9,532	115,250	1,92,220	12,980	81.3	6,26,656	5,38,704	3,600,601	5,360,601	
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern . . . . .	175	337,000	1,200	365,500	72,393	43,742	4,104	152,224	76.2	87,170	28,452	112,246	107,817	
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern . . . . .	238	3,201,468	10,000	3,941,311	3,938,110	3,914,311	315,431	2,80,716	75.7	4,374,010	1,781,953	2,447,844	1,747,974	
Elie . . . . .	223	22,838,674	15	27,36,079	1,838,752	1,616,273	3,58,498	186,268	75.7	1,686,103	44,593	5,365,583	2,299,112	
Florida East Coast . . . . .	571	1,096,984	558,346	1,588,860	408,282	412,896	4,104	1,670,947	105.2	1,46,730	3,153,455	1,46,730	222,336	
Georgia Railroad . . . . .	571	11,236,229	4,308,000	16,940,596	2,87,876	2,668,621	4,402,635	13,906,132	77.4	1,781,953	190,109	34,711	1,747,974	
Georgia & Florida . . . . .	326	581,999	40,237	639,538	88,104	97,816	25,038	1,247,256	77.2	1,686,103	76,838	1,747,756	1,747,756	
Grand Trunk Western . . . . .	571	7,569,302	172,135	13,440,306	6,724,723	6,724,723	1,92,220	1,92,220	82.3	1,78,929	1,78,929	1,78,929	1,78,929	
Green Bay & Western . . . . .	971	2,310,900	320,000	31,233,000	4,477,897	5,21,713	4,402,635	1,664,358	77.3	1,14,966	1,14,966	1,14,966	1,14,966	
Canadian Natl. Lines in New Eng. . . . .	172	160,000	21,000	1,338,000	423,361	307,765	16,052	1,247,256	77.2	1,12,614	33,530	105,217	52,127	
Great Northern . . . . .	8316	1,666,149	1,222,542	14,156,363	2,953,155	2,615,463	3,04,229	1,319,358	82.0	1,78,929	23,894	1,460,382	1,46,693	
Illinois Terminal . . . . .	6543	12,129,672	11,569,668	14,739,320	23,655,898	21,286,159	22,497,721	104,562	103,074	81.4	50,769	15,821,757	13,968	
Illinois Terminal . . . . .	7224	208,910	1,001,044	1,001,044	10,730	13,0,730	208,910	66,624	91,399,757	89.6	83,343	11,25,030	267,190	
Kansas City Southern . . . . .	463	5,210,213	639,482	5,835,572	3,106,666	3,106,666	3,106,666	1,22,327	1,22,327	77.3	1,14,966	1,14,966	1,14,966	
Lehigh, Mobile & Ohio . . . . .	2898	5,18,645	425,299	6,472,880	1,03,021	1,51,35,632	7,820,237	1,57,415	1,661,562	123,110	1,73,167	1,73,167	112,951	
Illinois Central . . . . .	6543	17,778,642	6,677,472	21,591,075	7,611,379	7,611,379	7,611,379	1,315,780	1,315,780	75.9	1,73,167	1,73,167	1,73,167	
Lake Superior & Ishpeming . . . . .	462	789,221	92,748	1,001,044	1,001,044	1,001,044	1,001,044	1,001,044	91,399,757	77.4	23,756	1,46,730	270,521	
Kansas City Southern . . . . .	891	19,230,248	679,748	21,611,353	1,923,626	2,73,482	630,206	4,455,373	72.4	1,781,953	1,781,953	1,781,953	1,781,953	
Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf . . . . .	327	4,671,365	4,650	4,673,320	549,337	338,480	26,060	1,18,322	775,235	77.0	33,92,872	17,813,506	14,590,519	13,048,230
Lehigh Valley . . . . .	1251	5,214,421	339,783	5,791,328	4,72,827	5,92,400	1,32,245	2,36,623	76.9	1,358,053	44,182	1,358,053	59,687	
Long Island . . . . .	365	3,256,204	2,074,851	3,072,006	4,98,753	3,83,522	1,71,112	1,6,228	2,11,4,723	78.3	3,455,413	3,198,687	3,076,676	495,173
Long Island . . . . .	365	1,167,551	3,503,169	4,853,786	5,41,241	5,41,241	5,41,241	5,41,241	5,41,241	72.6	1,331,201	455,952	55,4,899	2,476,484

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MONTH OF JULY AND SEVEN MONTHS OF CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Name of road	Av. mileage operated during period	Operating Revenues			Operating Expenses			Net railway operating income			
		Freight		Passenger	Way and Structures		Maintenance of Equipment	Transportation	Total	Operating ratio	
		Total	(inc. misc.)	Total	(inc. misc.)	Traffic	Total	Operating	Railway tax accruals	1950	
Louisiana & Arkansas . . . . .	July	1,60,300	63,300	11,731,608	291,315	1,282,660	40,536	983,626	291,265	243,708	
1,447,449	443,326	11,374,616	1,3,365,229	1,251,126	330,069	6,736,130	56.8	4,638,486	1,831,069	343,222	
736	10,441,677	1,204,177	15,494,762	2,132,661	3,041,917	6,027,140	12,054,182	59.2	2,596,691	1,186,553	
13,439,013	1,204,177	108,399,192	22,387,152	2,165,757	2,112,099	87,465,981	77.8	3,440,580	1,170,184	1,809,705	
4,779	95,431,747	6,319,281	1,868,260	326,908	18,406	693,317	1,484,783	80.7	14,533,941	11,110,481	
981	1,546,808	193,234	1,868,260	380,398	4,133,999	2,573,562	134,485	2,200,477	1,220,413	8,456,454	
Maine Central . . . . .	July	11,947,820	905,932	13,733,419	2,668,716	11,654	4,972,401	10,822,295	79.5	383,477	1,163,357
Midland Valley . . . . .	July	334	1,156,272	8	1,140,594	428,381	114,992	52,941	118,971	76.2	37,215
1,119,851	706	1,140,594	29	1,140,594	282,381	114,992	285,971	862,408	75.6	278,186	
1,669,838	706	7,069	1,728,727	296,492	251,401	1,262,660	522,101	1,262,660	73.0	126,440	
1,416	10,161,349	10,522,052	1,871,157	1,740,706	758,983	3,477,757	8,517,849	81.0	2,004,203	1,029,459	
1,416	10,161,349	1,579,962	1,617,977	1,501,566	688,546	1,312,514	2,681,193	74.9	897,769	1,249,921	
3,224	3,210,253	573,460	18,747,842	4,133,999	3,620,289	461,284	6,313,161	17,570,355	93.7	1,177,987	1,451,987
Mississippi Central . . . . .	July	148	195,749	199,442	39,695	24,261	11,518	54,741	138,667	69.5	60,775
1,265,776	1,265,776	1,265,776	1,291,909	287,519	177,081	86,399	99,248	229,475	74.7	29,938	
1,172	2,541,187	2,682,620	2,99,492	358,845	361,621	361,012	51,275	670,851	65.4	121,394	
1,723	3,243	6,620	2,559,329	413,621	413,621	218,230	2,291,538	60.5	1,011,334	563,470	
3,248	36,617,227	2,336,904	42,245,551	6,436,870	6,004,904	1,554,793	15,409,986	31,341,465	74.2	10,904,086	4,492,054
Missouri Pacific . . . . .	July	6,966	16,226,977	1,068,263	18,899,560	2,773,269	2,940,731	420,416	6,445,071	69.5	5,760,083
99,581,325	5,982,249	11,596,931	1,765,788	20,333,210	2,835,914	44,612,310	96,266	229,475	77.0	26,633,021	
6,967	1,322,601	1,322,601	1,322,601	517,696	515,531	1,111,356	2,331,773	72.2	9,435,557	15,295,841	
1,711	22,236,125	529,704	23,866,604	4,259,888	3,270,712	521,650	16,534,537	69.3	7,321,077	3,442,441	
1,711	2,366,033	20,225,700	2,366,033	510,169	519,166	517,001	2,249,243	80.5	6,250,836	3,462,449	
1,089	1,147,550	18,635,039	1,420,347	3,263,543	3,263,543	353,266	1,611,860	14,961,611	80.3	3,671,428	4,492,054
International-Great Northern . . . . .	July	1,104	15,749,04	1,147,550	18,635,039	2,702,378	715,028	7,198,637	75.5	1,277,761	1,177,761
Monongahela . . . . .	July	170	550,738	838	555,566	75,195	63,306	1,001	193,686	61.4	214,347
1,145,091	3,821	3,175,664	470,657	411,309	6,803	2,235,964	2,235,964	2,235,964	93,979	—7,675	
169,151	1,169,151	1,169,151	1,169,151	57,632	59,285	887	61,832	61,832	273,046	373,581	
51	1,385,646	1,385,646	1,385,646	19,242,623	434,612	434,612	1,166,826	1,166,826	18,426	17,539	
51	2,445,671	147,014	2,866,919	407,931	902,574	992,600	1,977,330	84.5	215,443	262,477	
1,049	16,635,544	969,589	19,426,749	3,306,158	2,702,378	2,702,378	1,173,480	1,173,480	502,041	407,327	
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis . . . . .	July	1,104	2,445,671	147,014	2,866,919	407,931	902,574	992,600	1,977,330	70.4	829,489
1,104	2,445,671	2,445,671	2,445,671	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	4,736,882	2,404,280	
1,104	2,445,671	2,445,671	2,445,671	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	2,242,708	1,677,570	
New York Central . . . . .	July	10,733	43,416,626	10,860,501	60,798,786	6,632,700	11,555,314	1,002,398	287,052,599	49,091,949	80.7
29,733	64,813,356	64,813,356	95,014	46,188,662	88,101,772	6,940,772	1,168,772	185,688,644	346,712,237	4,470,377	
221	3,601,762	3,601,762	3,810,183	866,372	866,372	65,201	1,239,470	1,239,470	1,071,096	5,888,492	
221	2,164,044	2,164,044	2,164,044	10,489,693	13,226,786	5,916,663	8,250,535	8,250,535	1,056,482	1,292,419	
2192	9,981,099	158,113	10,489,693	13,226,786	15,99,707	275,500	3,799,500	3,799,500	1,319,436	1,292,419	
2192	77,088,437	986,719	80,388,177	9,989,438	12,535,200	1,996,262	26,938,690	54,228,510	67.5	26,938,690	
New York, New Haven & Hartford . . . . .	July	1,795	70,457,051	4,346,684	12,130,660	1,705,447	1,805,388	5,116,211	1,166,826	77.2	85,109
1,796	49,437,400	26,908,665	3,287,234	11,654,660	12,827,025	1,398,984	35,085,117	65,346,863	2,733,462	1,219,000	
2121	2,214,746	2,214,746	2,214,746	218,487	187,741	1,87,741	244,157	244,157	221,033	220,425	
2121	1,664,151	1,664,151	1,664,151	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,161,661	1,160,006	
544	5,648,341	40,934	60,934	117,920	117,920	24,116	291,620	291,620	68,429	42,167	
544	3,648,649	63,652	3,932,627	608,499	173,653	1,955,285	3,640,036	3,640,036	93,653	33,430	
New York, Susquehanna & Western . . . . .	July	120	350,737	36,682	83,130,625	1,705,447	6,376	177,215	87.8	35,988	6,423
6,903	12,722,358	1,313,355	1,313,355	2,871,234	3,222,559	356,844	4,439,393	1,221,433	2,79,861	—3,448	
6,903	69,582,898	3,282,611	11,572,124	12,468,799	14,572,718	1,766,077	1,785,253	9,515,848	4,462,598	129,425	
331	941,070	2,461,210	89,053,635	13,955,780	16,60,400	1,780,714	28,036,99	66,483,348	76,3	1,151,198	903,536
331	5,519,802	28,668	5,709,436	1,234,074	595,380	4,141	412,237	1,041,536	15,262,094	15,283,955	
673	655,574	674,375	674,375	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	1,728,815	123,163	60,691	
673	4,932,265	1,1392	5,064,556	1,054,996	680,156	299,285	1,680,203	4,125,281	939,255	416,582	
677	557,108	557,108	158,988	27,995	9,948	153,032	377,477	67.8	179,361	331,585	
Northern Pacific . . . . .	July	6,903	59,997,698	12,235,627	78,767,843	10,447,547	18,656,563	1,148,147	31,679,103	64,898,067	82.4
6,903	10,118	366,815,545	79,74,431	49,938,174	61,333,064	113,550,873	7,822,334	214,538,908	416,979,464	5,309,936	
331	386	3,447,464	1,406,522	4,897,818	1,209,335	1,261,202	75,593	63,63,075	96,441	26,224,031	
331	386	3,447,464	1,406,522	4,897,818	1,209,335	1,261,202	75,593	3,632,228	3,632,228	29,306,372	
331	386	3,447,464	1,406,522	4,897,818	1,209,335	1,261,202	75,593	3,632,228	3,632,228	29,306,372	
Oklahoma City-Ada-Atoka . . . . .	July	132	560,307	557,108	158,988	27,995	9,948	153,032	377,477	67.8	179,361
Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Lines . . . . .	July	10,118	59,997,698	12,235,627	78,767,843	10,447,547	18,656,563	1,148,147	31,679,103	64,898,067	82.4
10,118	386	3,447,464	1,406,522	4,897,818	1,209,335	1,261,202	75,593	3,632,228	3,632,228	29,306,372	
Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Lines . . . . .	July	386	3,447,464	1,406,522	4,897,818	1,209,335	1,261,202	75,593	3,632,228	3,632,228	29,306,372
Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Lines . . . . .	July	386	3,447,464	1,406,522	4,897,818	1,209,335	1,261,202	75,593	3,632,228	3,632,228	29,306,372
Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Lines . . . . .	July</td										

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Name of road	Av. miles operated during period			Operating Revenues			Maintenance of Equipment			Operating Expenses			Net railway operating income		
	Freight		Passenger	Way and structures (inc. misc.)		Traffic	Transportation		Total	Operating ratio		Railway tax excusals	1950		1949
	97	1,424,752	1,424,506	251,005	280,506	20,293	359,745	973,500	75.6	451,063	133,350	284,372	22,610	11,074	
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	97	1,424,752	1,424,506	251,005	280,506	20,293	359,745	973,500	75.6	451,063	133,350	284,372	22,610	11,074	
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	132	618,808	618,386	163,203	136,307	38,980	541,749	127,637	68.4	451,063	133,350	284,372	22,610	11,074	
Reading	132	4,504,257	4,610,455	921,706	934,235	288,482	1,181,746	3,567,647	76.9	1,073,206	520,999	776,317	820,293	91,986	
Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac	1317	8,285,348	580,786	9,30,101	1,309,803	1,315,466	1,181,746	3,677,821	73.5	1,930,341	959,179	981,289	519,550	519,550	
Rutland	1317	56,938,681	3,786,579	63,184,436	9,018,636	13,217,413	919,810	25,760,309	79.8	12,865,571	6,776,313	6,776,313	5,527,843	5,527,843	
St. Louis-San Francisco	118	1,149,824	514,920	1,849,398	1,933,804	1,28,835	4,485,114	9,031,320	66.5	4,555,199	2,032,593	1,853,724	562,014	562,014	
St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas	118	8,476,430	3,490,403	13,586,529	1,659,925	57,443	1,28,835	4,485,114	66.5	4,555,199	2,032,593	1,853,724	562,014	562,014	
St. Louis, Southwestern Lines	118	380,362	340,895	483,971	3,121,107	490,919	555,430	1,28,835	4,485,114	66.5	4,555,199	2,032,593	1,853,724	562,014	562,014
St. Louis-San Francisco	407	2,488,742	188,063	2,73,873	666	273,209	47,692	1,28,835	4,485,114	66.5	4,555,199	2,032,593	1,853,724	562,014	562,014
Sacramento Northern	271	1,300,229	1,010	1,334,248	3,00,204	344,871	113,759	15,448	493,864	1,020,555	118,251	83,985	429,151	429,151	
Seaboard Air Line	4,635	8,105,732	480,147	9,217,397	1,484,752	1,460,161	225,414	3,370,726	75.4	2,29,696	1,389,016	998,897	522,199	522,199	
St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas	159	2,106,974	58,029	3,65,792	65,537	50,405,225	1,28,835	10,359,636	79.0	12,865,322	6,435,120	6,297,301	4,187,005	4,187,005	
St. Louis-Southwestern Lines	1,569	32,118,399	300,229	33,732,280	4,934,491	4,075,322	978,340	10,359,472	75.4	2,29,696	1,389,016	998,897	522,199	522,199	
Southern	6,347	15,290,234	1,660,160	16,144,320	2,520,765	2,288,428	723,526	1,610,817	23,258,006	64.3	3,386,495	8,288,207	8,716,527	6,310,215	6,310,215
Alabama Great Southern	316	1,221,019	1,193,906	1,493,749	1,531,320	17,528,004	23,519,478	2,475,962	45,931,043	75.0	1,436,244	2,085,360	2,23,444	1,020,984	1,020,984
Cinn., New Orleans & Texas Pacific	337	7,709,935	1,101,190	9,421,225	1,386,311	1,217,040	2,017,725	3,375,955	75.4	1,121,156	964,843	6,310,215	6,310,215	6,310,215	
Georgia Southern & Florida	397	6,769,101	70,075,563	1,213,164	1,213,164	1,213,164	2,217,032	27,285,532	75.6	18,220,732	7,816,228	7,371,799	1,020,984	1,020,984	
New Orleans & Northeastern	204	954,844	9,101,190	126,412,320	93,787	90,196	15,794	2,475,962	45,931,043	75.0	31,617,222	14,850,244	10,780,108	10,780,108	
Southern Pacific	8,144	2,986,000	213,469	3,343,164	4,161,511	666,278	62,046	907,282	64.3	1,121,156	964,843	6,310,215	6,310,215	6,310,215	
Texas & New Orleans	397	4,477,423	3,434,468	530,767	536,437	1,461,790	3,725	1,479,556	64.7	7,816,228	7,371,799	1,020,984	1,020,984	1,020,984	
Spokane International	152	200,661	1,088	214,724	1,358,116	6,802	286,878	127,212	667,363	113,691	1,535,068	2,832,670	1,295,439	935,688	935,688
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Virginia	294	1,720,234	3,485	3,485	68,794	67,990	53,325	9,227	1,23,148	72,82,738	3,722,218	1,122,457	1,254,722	1,254,722	
Western Pacific	1,816	5,181,130	428,873	6,066,597	8,777,631	931,551	1,272,934	152,249	2,060,052	1,450,435	1,450,435	1,450,435	1,450,435	1,450,435	
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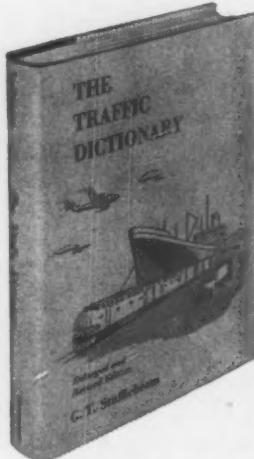
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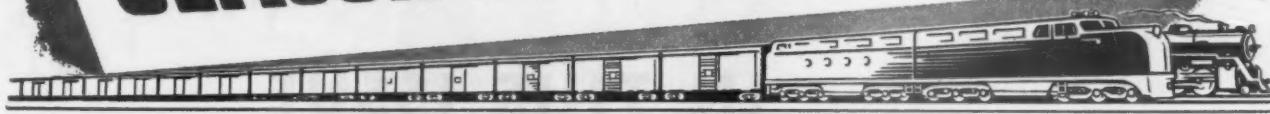
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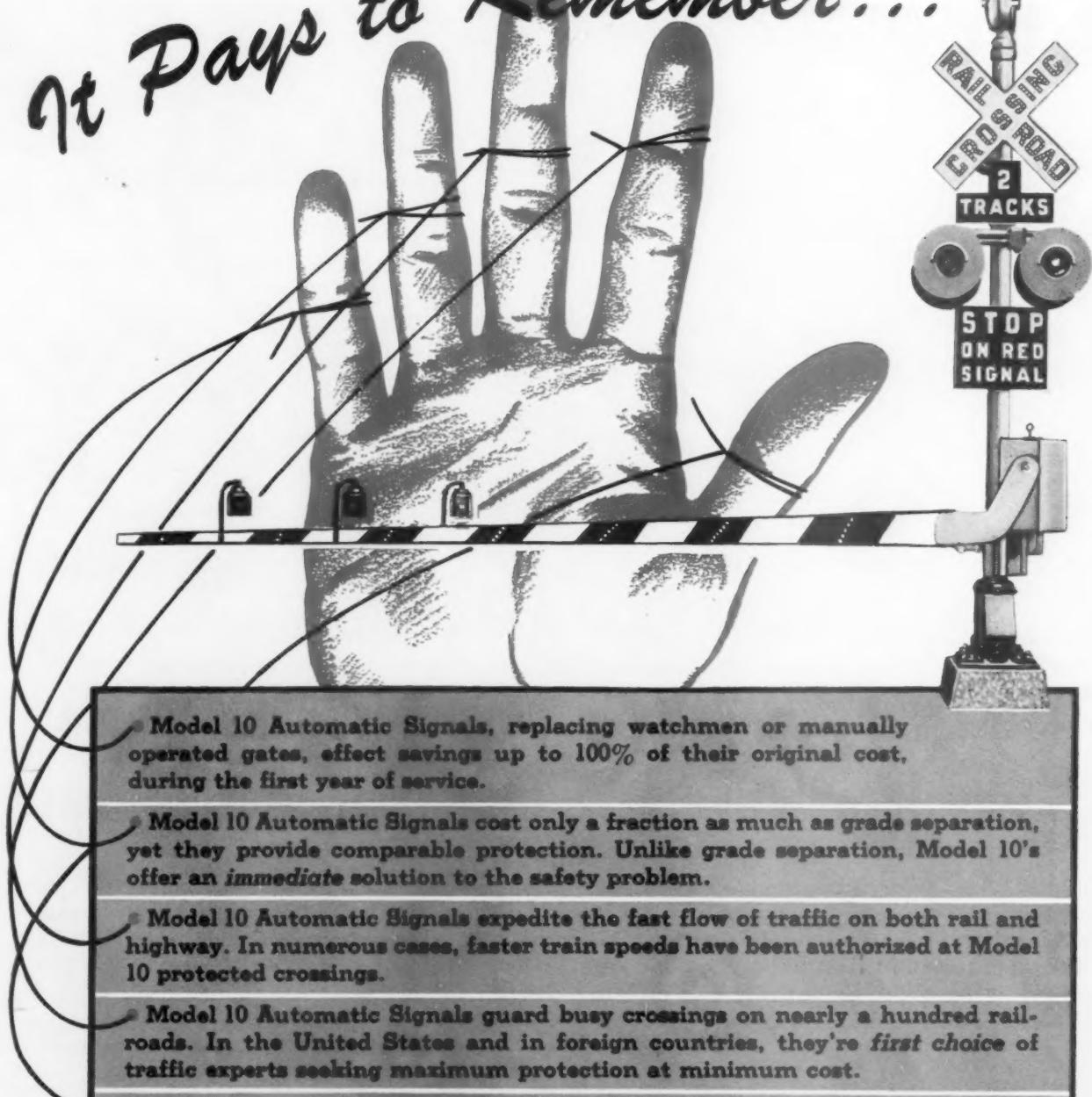
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